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Preaching from the Pew Aug 13 2021 In this deeply spiritual and prophetic collection of sermons, meditations, and prayers, Pat Brown takes the reader on a personal journey into and out of some of the most critical challenges facing the church in these turbulent and confusing times. She unveils her story of God's handiwork in shaping her life as a child of the Reformed tradition and as the mother of a special needs son. In a time when the call for justice withers on the vine as the church struggles with itself,

this book is required reading for every perplexed servant of Jesus Christ.

War in the Pews Dec 17 2021 Should I stay or leave? How can I pray for my church? How do I help my kids understand? Will this happen to me again? This handbook shows how you can survive church conflict--and maybe even help resolve it.

Witchcraft in the Pews Aug 25 2022 Deception, witchcraft, and occult practices reign worldwide—and these evils have even infiltrated the Christian church! So, fasten your seatbelt as you read the most provocative book of our time, in which you will learn to recognize: Ministers who use intimidation and fear Controlling power in families Spiritual discernment and its many uses Manipulative media techniques Distractions coming from Satan It's time to take a stand and engage in spiritual warfare. Bishop Bloomer shows how to prevent others from unfairly taking advantage of you.

Faith Stories from Women in the Pews Aug 21 2019 This is a collection of stories from the ordinary women of faith who tell what God has been doing in their lives. God can do amazing things with the ordinary and as we journey with God in life we discover both ordinary and extraordinary ways that our lives have been touched. These gathered stories will be an encouragement to others that God is not just a distant idea, but a reality that we can embrace in our daily living.

Confusion in the Pews Mar 28 2020 Martin believes that faith starts at home, and explains ways that churches can become Catholic again--one parish at a time.

From Pews to Polling Places Apr 09 2021 Does religion promote political mobilization? Are individuals motivated by their faith to focus on issues of social justice, personal morality, or both? What is the relationship between religious conviction and partisanship? Does religious identity reinforce or undermine other political identifications like race, ethnicity, and class? The answers to these questions are hardly monolithic, varying

between and within major American religious groups. With an electoral climate increasingly shaped by issues of faith, values, and competing moral visions, it is both fascinating and essential to examine the religious and political currents within America's major religious traditions. J. Matthew Wilson and a group of prominent religion and politics scholars examine these topics and assess one question central to these issues: How does faith shape political action in America's diverse religious communities? *From Pews to Polling Places* seeks to cover a rich mosaic of religious and ethnic perspectives with considerable breadth by examining evangelical Christians, the religious left, Catholics, Mormons, African Americans, Latinos, Jews, and Muslims. Along with these groups, the book takes a unique look at the role of secular and antifundamentalist positions, adding an even wider outlook to these critical concerns. The contributors demonstrate how different theologies, histories, and social situations drive distinct conceptualizations of the relationship between religious and political life. At the same time, however, the book points to important commonalities across traditions that can inform our discussions on the impact of religion on political life. In emphasizing these similarities, the authors explore the challenges of political mobilization, partisanship, and the intersections of religion and ethnicity.

My People Perish: Releasing the Power in the Pews Oct 03

2020 As long as he has been in a church, Dwight McGee has asked questions: Why do we do that? Can we do this differently? Is this tradition really necessary? Usually, he was told, "That's just the way we do things." Then he became a pastor, went back to school to earn his degrees, and kept asking questions, only now, he was finding the answers. In this book, Pastor McGee shares the findings of his Doctor of Ministry research project that showed what he refers to as the vocal spiritual gifts are important for today's church and should even be exercised by those who are among the laity. What's more, he proved that teaching on that

matter released the people who were trained to their calling, and helped his church grow. Pastor Dwight shares both his research and his own interpretation of what it means to help you understand that God knows how to build His church--if we will simply let Him do it the way He chooses. It's time, according to Pastor Dwight, to release the power in the pews!

Pagans in the Pews Apr 21 2022 Straightforward discussion about how the new spirituality, or paganism, is creeping into the Church, & how to stand firm in Biblical Christianity.

A Voice From The Pews Mar 08 2021 Simply because you are a regular guy or gal who sits in the pews does not mean that you are unable to use your God given capacity to think on important matters in our world. *A Voice From The Pews* shows that with the guidance of scripture, a willingness to take the time necessary to go deeper than the surface, and using one's God given capacity to think, Joe or Jane Church Goer can find answers to tough questions and contend for the faith. The book is an easy read. It is written in a simple, easy flowing, yet thoughtful, interesting, and effective style, dealing with the topics it covers. It covers an eclectic mix of subjects that at some point crosses the minds of many. it touches on faith and science, right and wrong, suffering, thankfulness, the compassion of Jesus and an array of other issues. *A voice from the pews* demonstrates that the ordinary believer can ponder the issues, reason, and come to smart conclusions on many of the questions that we all face at some time or the other in our lives. Many believers find themselves challenged at some point, dealing with the tough questions that sometimes fog their minds. They feel overwhelmed, inadequate to deal with these matters because they seem to be too heavy. Church leaders are often very busy and they do not always have time to answer some of the questions the average church goer has. The book does not pretend to be what it is not. It is not a scholastic work from an erudite academic. It presents the thoughts of an ordinary guy giving a sense making taking on the

issues about which he writes. The hope is that others sitting in the pews could be inspired by a fellow pew member who has a deep passion to learn more of the things of God. It is meant to show that with a little self application, a desire to go beyond the surface, and a commitment to learn, anyone sitting in the pews can find a voice that adds value to the conversation.

From the Pews in the Back Dec 29 2022 "From the Pews in the Back is a new chapter in the dialogue about the role of women in the church. The voices of these women range from inspiring and energetic to challenging and wounded. Ultimately, though, these women are stubbornly hopeful. They are claiming a place in the church and are calling other Catholics to talk with them about this claim."--BOOK JACKET.

From Pews to Politics Apr 28 2020 Does religion influence political participation? This book takes up this pressing debate using Christianity in sub-Saharan Africa as its empirical base to demonstrate that religious teachings communicated in sermons can influence both the degree and the form of citizens' political participation. McClendon and Riedl document some of the current diversity of sermon content in contemporary Christian houses of worship and then use a combination of laboratory experiments, observational survey data, focus groups, and case comparisons in Zambia, Uganda, and Kenya to interrogate the impact of sermon exposure on political participation and the longevity of that impact. Pews to Politics in Africa leverages the pluralism of sermons in sub-Saharan Africa to gain insight into the content of cultural influences and their consequences for how ordinary citizens participate in politics.

From the Back of the Pews to the Head of the Class Feb 25 2020 Documenting the moving and sometimes dramatic stories of students, parents, teachers, sisters, and priest who were part of a segregated Catholic school in Mobile, Alabama.

Snakes behind the Pulpit and Vipers in the Pews Jan 06 2021 Pastor Bruce had no idea when he made that phone call that his

life was about to be turned upside down. His deep ugly secret that he was hiding from his wife, his family, and his congregation was about to explode around him. His wife was about to find out about his infidelity and the affair he was having for the past two years with someone in his congregation that was about to destroy their ministry and scatter the sheep. Families were to be torn apart as some dared to defend his horrific behavior while others wept and shook their heads in utter disbelief.

Personalities in the Pews May 30 2020 In this memoir of forty-three years as a pastor, Rev. Irving shares stories of the many fascinating personalities he has encountered in the local church. Some of these stories will make you laugh; others will make you cry. However, with humor and inspirat

Hiding in the Pews Dec 05 2020 In 2012, Steve Austin, then a pastor, nearly died by suicide. He wondered: if church folks had talked about mental health, suicide prevention, abuse, and other hard issues, would that have changed his story? Hiding in the Pews challenges and equips leaders to transform their communities into places where suffering people can find a sense of safety.

Lost in the Pews Jun 30 2020 Like many other women, Monique Fleurimond was raised in and attended church every Sunday. In spite of this, she found herself broken, empty, and burdened with insecurities. After trying many avenues to find wholeness, Monique hit rock-bottom. Desperate for something more, she left everything she knew and gave her all to Christ. Christ began to restore and rebuild Monique and removed everything from her life that was not of Him. In this book, Monique shares her journey from being Lost in the Pews to being found in Christ. Today, church is viewed as just a ritual observed by many, although they do not truly know why they attend. Monique compels believers to stop merely attending church and leaving the same way they came in, and to instead, build a personal relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. She leaves room for you to not only read her

story, but to reflect on your own and grow as you do so. Join Monique on this personal journey that will move you into an authentic relationship with Christ.

Empty the Pews Sep 26 2022

Questions from the Pews Jan 18 2022 Pastors are privileged to hear questions of faith. These questions often arise from people who engage in critical thinking, value intellectual integrity, and want an authentic conversation regarding their inquiries. S. P. King skillfully engages historical, biblical, and spiritual elements to squarely tackle some of the paramount issues of the Christian faith. Each chapter provides the theological background necessary for a thorough response. The answers are not presented in a manner to sway one's faith in a particular direction, but rather serve as a framework in which beliefs can be objectively examined. With each chapter capable of being a stand-alone resource, the book delivers in-depth but concise narratives on each topic. There are no efforts to indoctrinate, making the book a resounding invitation to explore Christianity in an impartial environment.

Between the Pews Sep 14 2021 This is an invigorating story. The author tells about growing up peacefully in a small Southern community during the Civil Rights Movement. Her childhood was protected from much of the Jim Crow, racism, and unrest experienced in the segregated South during that time. Founded by former slaves and colored Civil War veterans, these landowners created a safe haven, a thriving village for its African American residents. This environment hardly prepared her for what life was like outside this protective shield that she had become accustomed to. She tells a moving, thrilling, and often touching story of how she dealt with life beyond this place. She exhibited great determination to rise above the many issues she faced while dealing with marriage, raising her children, and a struggle to grow up herself. Her children, being her most important spectators, watched as she tried to teach them by

setting good examples.

Angry People in the Pews Feb 07 2021 Integrating biblical theology and tried-and-tested principles of counseling in exploring the dynamics of anger, Howe makes effective use of case studies to provide realistic examples of how people deal with anger in their lives.

PIMPIN' from the Pulpit to the Pews Jun 11 2021 Fornication, adultery, homosexuality, incest, masturbation and several other sexual strongholds have crept into the pulpits, altars and pews of the church. Unfortunately, many within the church have faced the overwhelming struggle of sexual sin alone. PIMPIN' From The Pulpit To The Pews is an explosive, eye-opening book that reveals how the spirit of lust has crept into the church and has devastatingly affected both its leadership and laity. The book not only exposes the spirit of lust, but offers a step-by-step plan for overcoming sexual sin in order to pursue sexual purity.

The Devil in Pew Number Seven Jul 12 2021 2011 Retailers Choice Award winner! Rebecca never felt safe as a child. In 1969, her father, Robert Nichols, moved to Sellerstown, North Carolina, to serve as a pastor. There he found a small community eager to welcome him—with one exception. Glaring at him from pew number seven was a man obsessed with controlling the church. Determined to get rid of anyone who stood in his way, he unleashed a plan of terror that was more devastating and violent than the Nichols family could have ever imagined. Refusing to be driven away by acts of intimidation, Rebecca's father stood his ground until one night when an armed man walked into the family's kitchen . . . And Rebecca's life was shattered. If anyone had a reason to harbor hatred and seek personal revenge, it would be Rebecca. Yet *The Devil in Pew Number Seven* tells a different story. It is the amazing true saga of relentless persecution, one family's faith and courage in the face of it, and a daughter whose parents taught her the power of forgiveness.

Depression in the Pews Aug 01 2020 *Depression in the Pews* is

written by Dr. Dwight Owens. This book will shed light on specific ideas related to depression that has not been addressed lately by the church. It is meant to provide the twenty-first-century church with the language to begin talking about the intersection between depression and the faith-based community. In this book I walk you through what it actually means to be a believer in Jesus Christ and admit to the stigma of having depression, anxiety, or schizophrenia. This book will share with pastors and church leaders why it is now essential that they actually address these issues from the pulpit. Also, I will attempt to affirm the fact that there is a connection between depression and our faith. Given this truth, accepting professional and/or spiritual help for this disease should not be considered a bad thing, but perhaps a paradigm shift in the way our churches minister healing to these individuals.

In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart Sep 02 2020 Ruth Graham - daughter of beloved evangelist Billy Graham - offers a guide for those who are hurting or those who love them. She illustrates through personal stories and Scripture how nothing can keep you from experiencing the fullness of God's grace. Run with Ruth to the arms of the God you can trust, the Father God who embraces, sustains, and redeems your brokenness. Ruth Graham has discovered through bitter personal experience that God does his great work in the ruins of our lives. As Ruth's life descended through divorce, depression, and shame; as she bore heartrending parental struggles; and as she faltered trying to make wise choices in the wake of bad ones, she discovered the unending embrace of a faithful, forgiving, and grace-filled God. This book surpasses the testimony of her fascinating story as she brings sharp new insight from the Word of God for all who fear their actions may be beyond forgiveness or their broken circumstances may keep them from being used by God ever again. Through the words of Jeremiah - the weeping prophet - Ruth reveals the God who makes wasted places come to life.

You'll explore the parable of the Prodigal Son as never before as Ruth discloses her own likeness to each character: The indignant older brother, struggling to understand God's grace toward her husband's infidelity The prodigal, wading through the deep shame and painful circumstances of her own actions The father, running to embrace her children in the midst of bulimia, drug abuse, and unplanned pregnancy Ruth includes practical steps in every chapter anyone can take to offer care, support, and hope to the broken people they encounter in their lives and in the pews beside them every Sunday.

Pew Nov 04 2020 WINNER of the 2021 NYPL Young Lions Fiction Award. Finalist for the 2021 Dylan Thomas Prize. Longlisted for the 2021 PEN/Jean Stein Book Award, the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and the Joyce Carol Oates Prize. One of Publishers Weekly's Best Fiction Books of 2020. One of Amazon's 100 Best Books of 2020. "The people of this community are stifling, and generous, cruel, earnest, needy, overconfident, fragile and repressive, which is to say that they are brilliantly rendered by their wise maker, Catherine Lacey." --Rachel Kushner, author of *The Flamethrowers* A figure with no discernible identity appears in a small, religious town, throwing its inhabitants into a frenzy In a small, unnamed town in the American South, a church congregation arrives for a service and finds a figure asleep on a pew. The person is genderless and racially ambiguous and refuses to speak. One family takes in the strange visitor and nicknames them Pew. As the town spends the week preparing for a mysterious Forgiveness Festival, Pew is shuttled from one household to the next. The earnest and seemingly well-meaning townspeople see conflicting identities in Pew, and many confess their fears and secrets to them in one-sided conversations. Pew listens and observes while experiencing brief flashes of past lives or clues about their origin. As days pass, the void around Pew's presence begins to unnerve the community, whose generosity erodes into menace and suspicion.

Yet by the time Pew's story reaches a shattering and unsettling climax at the Forgiveness Festival, the secret of who they really are—a devil or an angel or something else entirely—is dwarfed by even larger truths. Pew, Catherine Lacey's third novel, is a foreboding, provocative, and amorphous fable about the world today: its contradictions, its flimsy morality, and the limits of judging others based on their appearance. With precision and restraint, one of our most beloved and boundary-pushing writers holds up a mirror to her characters' true selves, revealing something about forgiveness, perception, and the faulty tools society uses to categorize human complexity.

People in the Pews: Modern Stories of God's Love and

Grace Oct 27 2022 A testimony is the powerful and raw expression of one's darkest moments to share the light. There are 10 people in this book who used the utterance of fears, heart break, and tortured moments to share how God worked in their life. I heard the influx in people's voices. I saw facial expressions change when sharing some incredibly painful memories. You know what I also heard... Hope, redemption, forgiveness, love, compassion, faith, mercy, thankfulness, relief. There is not a perfect person among the pews or the pulpit. Every person makes mistakes, but it is through God's love and Jesus's sacrifice on the cross that we are redeemed. Each person in this book understands they are forever a work in progress, but all of their lives were changed once they accepted Jesus as their Savior. Sarah Williams is a farmer's wife and mother of 3 girls. She and her husband work together on their farm and enjoy homeschooling their daughters. Her family loves traveling and exploring the beauty God has created. Sarah also volunteers with the church she attends in the Prayer Center and on the Media Team as a photographer. Sarah can be reached via her Facebook page: People in the Pews.

Parenting in the Pew May 22 2022 In this upbeat book Robbie Castleman shows parents how to guide their toddlers and

teenagers to participate more fully in the worship of the church. This significantly revised and updated edition includes a new preface and new appendices with ideas for children's sermons and intergenerational community.

Politics in the Pews Jul 24 2022 "Politics in the Pews probes the internal dynamics of political decision making within the Black church." ---William E. Nelson, Jr., Research Professor, Department of African American and African Studies, Ohio State University As Eric McDaniel demonstrates in his study of Black congregations in the U.S., a church's activism results from complex negotiations between the pastor and the congregation. The church's traditions, its institutional organization, and its cultural traditions influence the choice to make politics part of the church's mission. The needs of the local community and opportunities to vote, lobby, campaign, or protest are also significant factors. By probing the dynamics of churches as social groups, McDaniel opens new perspectives on civil rights history and the evangelical politics of the twenty-first century. Politics in the Pews contributes to a clearer understanding of the forces that motivate any organization, religious or otherwise, to engage in politics. Eric L. McDaniel is Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin.

Get Out of the Pews Sep 21 2019 So many times, we as believers, have a tendency to fall into tradition rather than in a real meaning relationship with God. Yeah, we dress-up for church on Sunday mornings, clap our hands all the way through the service, and still walk outside of the church doors cursing our neighbors, turning our backs on those in need, and ignoring things that really matter. We've mastered church on Sundays, but what about being the church from Monday to Saturday. What if we applied the same teachings that we learn on Sunday mornings to our daily life? What if we as believers in Christ could love our neighbors as ourselves? Forgiveness would become less of a struggle and compassion would actually become sincere. What if

we could bear with one another in the arms of mercy and grace? We would be able to look beyond one's fault and love one another unconditionally. My point is this, faith without works is dead. God did not save us to save ourselves. He sent us to be a light to those around. If we take our place as believers, God's grace will abound. Learning of Christ is good, but living like Christ takes real work.

Hiding in the Pews Nov 28 2022 In 2012, Steve Austin, then a pastor, nearly died by suicide. His experience launched him on a journey that opened his eyes to the widespread problem of mental illness and how those who live with it are often treated in congregations. He began to wonder: if church folks had talked openly about mental health, therapy, suicide prevention, recovery from abuse, and other difficult issues, would that have changed his story? In Hiding in the Pews, people with mental illness--some of whom might be pastors themselves--will find comfort as they learn they are not alone. Those who know someone with mental illness will gain wisdom about how to be a safe presence. Those who hold the most power in church communities--pastors, board members, and lay leaders--will be challenged and equipped to transform their congregations into places of healing, where it is safe for people to be vulnerable about their suffering. Austin draws on his own experience, as well as on interviews with eighty current and former church leaders and members. Each chapter covers a topic or theme about mental illness and the church and includes practical applications to guide leaders on a journey toward transforming church culture. When a church champions vulnerability and establishes safety within its walls, especially for those who are suffering, the healing power of God can set the captives free. Austin offers hope that faith communities will be the first places people think of when they need a sense of safety and belonging.

Blood Stained Pews Feb 19 2022 What if the church became more than a home for the hypocrites? What if the church became

a hospital to heal the hurting? When the carnage of war broke out on D-Day, the wounded were brought to an empty, nearby church and laid on the pews so medics could treat them. When the war was over, and the blood-stained pews discovered, the townspeople decided to preserve the stains to remind all who would come afterward: This is the place where the wounded are welcome. Blood Stained Pews is a chance to examine Jesus' original intent for the church, a hospital for the broken. Pastor and author Carl Kuhl is clear: Christians have been getting this wrong, but in this book, he gives clear steps to change our hearts, our practices, and ultimately our churches through the power of open brokenness. Through personal stories and powerful insights, Carl implores us to more deeply consider God's grace and turn our churches into the places people run to when they're wounded.

From Pew to Pulpit Oct 23 2019 A down-to-earth, practical introduction to the ins and outs of preaching for lay preachers, bivocational pastors, and others newly arrived in the pulpit. Recent years have seen a considerable increase in the amount of financial resources required to support a full-time pastor in the local congregation. In addition, large numbers of full-time, seminary trained clergy are retiring, without commensurate numbers of new clergy able to take their place. As a result of these trends, a large number of lay preachers and bivocational pastors have assumed the principal responsibility for filling the pulpit week by week in local churches. Most of these individuals, observes Clifton Guthrie, can draw on a wealth of life experiences, as well as strong intuitive skills in knowing what makes a good sermon, having listened to them much of their lives. What they often don't bring to the pulpit, however, is specific, detailed instruction in the how-tos of preaching. That is precisely what this brief, practical guide to preaching has to offer. Written with the needs of those for whom preaching is not their sole or primary occupation in mind, it begins by emphasizing what every preacher brings to the pulpit: an idea of what makes a sermon

particularly moving or memorable to them. From there the book moves into short chapters on choosing an appropriate biblical text or sermon topic, learning how to listen to one's first impressions of what a text means, moving from text or topic to the sermon itself while keeping the listeners needs firmly in mind, making thorough and engaging use of stories in the sermon, and delivering with passion and conviction. The book concludes with helpful suggestions for resources, including Bibles, commentaries, other print resources and websites.

Springing from the Pews Jan 26 2020 Day Mattar's *Springing from the Pews* is an explosive pamphlet which explores an episode of sexual violence through a verse play interwoven with confessions and journal entries. Mattar's poetry is eloquent, with a dark intensity underlying the sugary surface, with echoes of Frank O'Hara and Sharon Olds. A breathtaking read, Mattar's splenetic energy gushes out like water from a fire hydrant.

From Politics to the Pews Jun 23 2022 One of the most substantial divides in American politics is the "God gap." Religious voters tend to identify with and support the Republican Party, while secular voters generally support the Democratic Party. Conventional wisdom suggests that religious differences between Republicans and Democrats have produced this gap, with voters sorting themselves into the party that best represents their religious views. Michele F. Margolis offers a bold challenge to the conventional wisdom, arguing that the relationship between religion and politics is far from a one-way street that starts in the church and ends at the ballot box. Margolis contends that political identity has a profound effect on social identity, including religion. Whether a person chooses to identify as religious and the extent of their involvement in a religious community are, in part, a response to political surroundings. In today's climate of political polarization, partisan actors also help reinforce the relationship between religion and politics, as Democratic and Republican elites stake out divergent positions on

moral issues and use religious faith to varying degrees when reaching out to voters.

Prostitutes in the Pews Mar 20 2022 Actual Interviews With Pastors That Have Yielded To Temptation And The Ones Who Lead Them There. Pastor Jonathan Stephens Jr. is pastor of Fountain of Life Redeem House of God Church in Association with Church of God in Christ Inc. He has pastored for 25 years. He is a third generation pastor beginning with his grandfather Curtis Killingsworth and his mother Pastor Arnell Stephens Grice and father Bishop Jonathan Stephens Sr. both being Pastors. Pastor Stephens received his Law Enforcement Degree from Syracuse University in. He received his BA in Theology from International Seminary in Plymouth Florida. He received his Master Degree of Religious Education and is currently enrolled in a Doctorates Degree Program. He is the administrator of the International Satellite School at Fountain of Life in Syracuse, New York. Pastor Stephens has mastered teaching leadership skills fitted for all denominations. One of the classes he teaches is at Robert Weslin College in Rochester, New York through the Church in God in Christ. Pastor Stephens is available for revivals, seminars and leadership program seminars. His contact information is: Pastor Jonathan Stephens Jr. 700 South Avenue/Box 237 Syracuse, New York 13207 Church Phone: 315-378-4988

Dead in the Pews Nov 23 2019 We encounter many obstacles on the road to destiny. Whether we choose to go around, stumble or jump, we must deal with the obstacles we face. *Dead in the Pews* is about the real life situations we face, especially in the corporate church that either be the catalyst we use to change or the antagonist to our destiny.

Bleeding in the Pews Dec 25 2019 *Bleeding in the Pews* chronicles the author's call to ministry and her traumatic experiences of being molested for nine years by her biological father and raped twice by two different men on the same day. It also shares the devastating paths to find love as she traveled on

her journey to healing. The author highlights the cycle of heart breaking failures of her relationships due to the effects of being raped, and physically and emotionally abused. Corine H. Stone underwent each negative event as she sat faithfully in the church. In her book, she shares how God rescued and healed her as she sat Bleeding in the Pews. The blueprints of her deliverance and healing are found in the pages of this book. God healed her and He will heal you.

Parenting in the Pew May 10 2021 "Daddy, I'd like you to meet my children." That's Robbie Castleman's attitude about taking her children to church. She believes that Sunday morning isn't a success if she has only managed to keep the kids quiet. And she knows there's more to church for kids than trying out their new coloring books. Children are at church for the same reason as their parents: for the privilege of worshiping God. Worship, Castleman writes, is "the most important thing you can ever train your child to do." So with infectious passion, nitty-gritty advice and a touch of humor, she shows you how to help your children (from toddlers to teenagers) enter into worship. In this significantly revised and updated edition Castleman includes a new preface and two new appendices that provide new perspectives on children's sermon and intergenerational community. She also provides a study guide for personal reflection or group discussion. More than ever, Parenting in the Pew is essential reading for parents and worship leaders who want to help children make joyful noises unto the Lord.

Remove the Pews: Spiritual Possibilities for Sacred Spaces

Nov 16 2021 Pastor and author Donna Schaper takes the long view of religious institution in an age of rapid change. The question of who the church is today--and how it uses its buildings--is connected to the church's past identities and its future hopes. Schaper is both concrete and provocative in her examination of how the church might be renewed for the modern age.

War of the Pews Oct 15 2021 St. Augustine Catholic Church has

stood in the Tremé section of New Orleans for over 170 years. Its international fame and role as a musical and cultural center as well as a spiritual focus has made it a national treasure. In the spring of 2006 the archdiocese of New Orleans declared St. Augustine Church closed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The beloved pastor since 1990, Fr. Jerome LeDoux, was reassigned to a congregation in Texas. But the parishioners, inspired by their pastor-in-exile, faced off with the archbishop, forcing an unprecedented mediation to keep the church's doors open and its future secure. This fascinating story in all its details is told with candor and humor by Fr. LeDoux. He also goes back into the church's history from its founding in 1841 through the Civil War, segregation, Civil Rights and ultimately Hurricane Katrina to show how its predominantly African-American population weathered each of four Battles in the War of the Pews. "LeDoux's gripping description of events offers a unique window into the rich cultural complexity of the city with rare historical depth" -- Dr. Ina Johan Fandrich, author and historical researcher." -- from publisher's website.

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