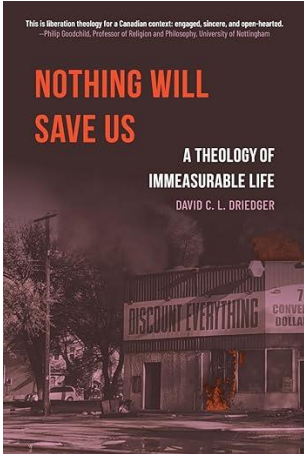


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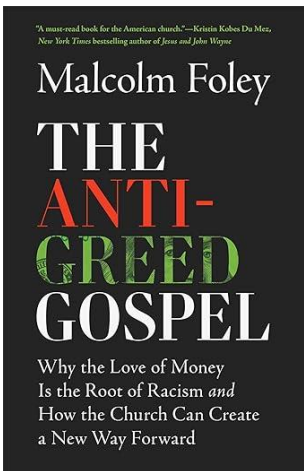
Title: Nothing Will Save Us: A Theology of Immeasurable Life

Publisher: Pandora Press

Year: 2025

Valleyview Library Category: Theology

Summary: *Nothing Will Save Us* explores a Mennonite theology shaped by liberation theology's conviction that salvation is found among those the world deems "nothing." Drawing on the Torah's rejection of idols and the Gospel's vision of a God who becomes nothing, the book argues that attending to marginalized people reveals both the church's structural sins and its calling. Challenging conservatives' misuse of judgment and liberals' avoidance of it, the author urges readers to recognize their shared place with the oppressed—and to hear in that recognition the good news of a different, immeasurable life.



Author: Malcolm Foley

Title: The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money Is the Root of Racism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward

Publisher: Brazos Press

Year: 2025

Valleyview Library Category: Church

Summary: In *The Anti-Greed Gospel*, historian Malcolm Foley argues that racism is fundamentally driven by greed, not hatred. Tracing how the pursuit of wealth created racial categories, fueled systemic oppression, and continues to shape violence against Black Americans, Foley links today's injustices to the history of lynching. Drawing on figures like Ida B. Wells and on biblical teachings, he calls the church to confront racial capitalism through generosity, solidarity, and truth-telling. The book offers practical guidance for resisting exploitative systems and building communities committed to justice and neighbor-love.



Author: Jennifer C. Grant, Illust. Benjamin Schipper

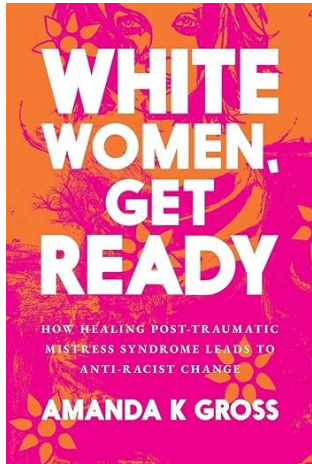
Title: Maybe God Is Like That Too

Publisher: Sparkhouse Press

Year: 2017

Valleyview Library Category: Children

Summary: Every child wonders where God lives or what God is like. In *Maybe God Is Like That Too*, a young boy asks his grandma where God is in their city. She invites him to pay attention to where he sees the fruit of the Spirit. Where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are, there too is God. The boy sees God in the kindness of a doorman holding the door for a man using a wheelchair, in the patience of his teacher helping him tie his shoes, and in the love, faithfulness, and gentleness of his grandma. An ordinary day in his city opens this young boy's eyes to God's Spirit at work all around him.



Author: Amanda K. Gross

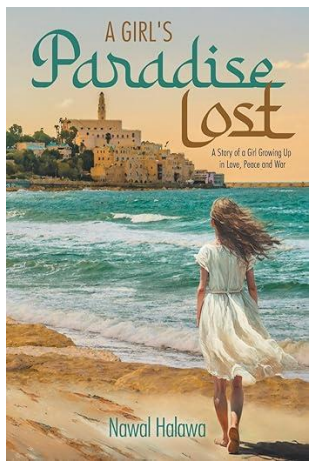
Title: White Women, Get Ready: How Healing Post-Traumatic Mistress Syndrome Leads to Anti-Racist Change

Publisher: Otterpine

Year: 2024

Valleyview Library Category: Social Issues

Summary: *White Women, Get Ready* is a practical anti-racism guide that examines how white women have been shaped to uphold intertwined systems of oppression—and how they can instead work to dismantle them. Blending history, memoir, and critique, Amanda K. Gross challenges white women to confront their complicity in racist structures and to use their social power responsibly. Through research and personal narrative, she offers tools for engaging with identity, trauma, and accountability, emphasizing that the well-being of white women is inseparable from the well-being of all.



Author: Nawal Halawa, Edited by Jan Abushakrah, Translated by Nadeen Rayan

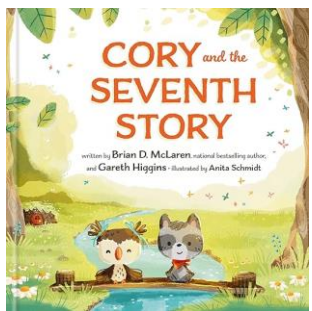
Title: A Girl's Paradise Lost: A Story of a Girl Growing Up in Love, Peace and War

Publisher: Friesen Press

Year: 2023

Valleyview Library Category: Fiction

Summary: Sitt Zubaida's idyllic childhood on Jaffa's al-Ajami Beach ends abruptly with the 1948 Palestinian Nakba, which forces her family—like hundreds of thousands of others—to flee their home. As they move from place to place across the region, Zubaida grapples with loss, longing, and the memory of a paradise she can never fully return to. Blending autobiography and fiction, *A Girl's Paradise Lost* offers an intimate portrait of daily life before and after displacement, highlighting the human impact of a tragedy often overshadowed by political narratives.



Author: Brian D. McLaren, Gareth Higgins

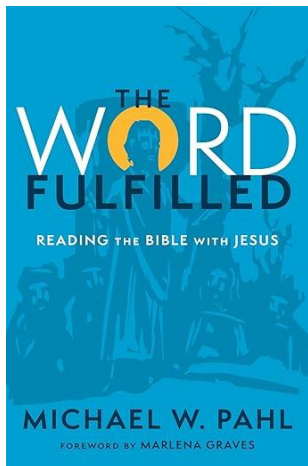
Title: Cory and the Seventh Story

Publisher: PRH Christian Publishing

Year: 2023

Valleyview Library Category: Children

Summary: This illustrated children's book follows Cory the raccoon and Owl as their peaceful village becomes divided by fear, bullying, and exclusion. With the help of a wise visitor, they learn six old stories that explain why people turn to domination, revenge, avoidance, blame, self-pity, or greed. Inspired to choose a different path, Cory and Owl introduce a "seventh story" grounded in peace and love, bringing the village back together. A gentle, hopeful tale for kids and adults about choosing compassion in a fearful world.



Author: Michael W. Pahl

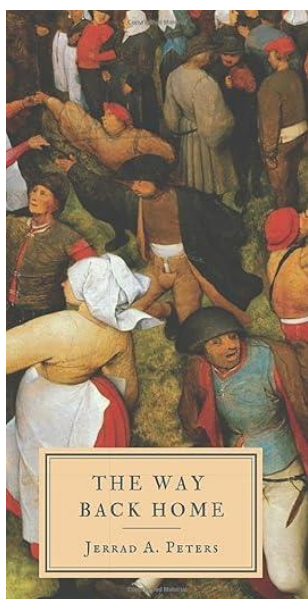
Title: The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus

Publisher: Herald Press

Year: 2024

Valleyview Library Category: Bible

Summary: *The Word Fulfilled* explores how Jesus read and interpreted the Jewish Scriptures, offering guidance for how Christians can read the Bible in his way. Focusing on seven key passages from Jesus' life and ministry, Michael W. Pahl blends scholarship, biblical study, and imaginative storytelling to place readers in the world of early Judaism. The book invites believers to encounter Scripture as Jesus did and to deepen their discipleship through a richer understanding of the Bible's original context.



Author: Jerrad A. Peters

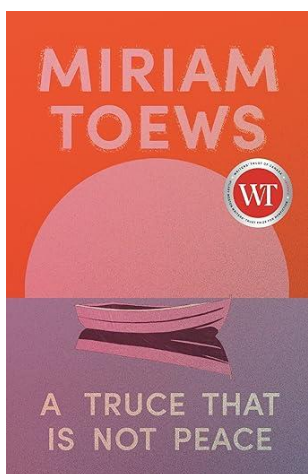
Title: The Way Back Home: Wandering the Renaissance and Reformation of the First Flemish Anabaptists

Publisher: Pandora Press

Year: 2024

Valleyview Library Category: History, Philosophy, Religion

Summary: Part travelogue, part historiography, part historical fiction, part art book; interesting to both scholars and descendants of the dutch Mennonites; playful, archival, poetic, and profound, This novel wanders from the excesses of Jan van Leiden and Kanye West, between iconoclasm and iconophilia, from beginning to end, to find the way back home.



Author: Miriam Toews

Title: A Truce That Is Not Peace

Publisher: Knopf Canada

Year: 2025

Valleyview Library Category: Biography

Summary: In *A Truce That Is Not Peace*, celebrated Canadian writer Miriam Toews confronts the question of why she writes, only to find it tangled in the unresolved grief of her sister's suicide. Through reflections that blend humor, sorrow, and sharp honesty, Toews reveals an ongoing inner dialogue with her sister and the complex role memory plays in creative life. This memoir becomes a bold, original exploration of art, loss, and the fragile peace we make with the past—showcasing Toews at her most intimate and inventive.