Welcome to our Fall 2013/Winter 2014 list, which embodies another season of fresh, innovative talent and boundary-pushing topics. I’m delighted to share our third list with you.

Nadia Bolz-Weber is a pastor, a former stand-up comedian, and a force to be reckoned with, and her new book *Pastrix* (boldly reclaiming the derogatory term for a female pastor) blends sardonic irreverence and brilliant theology in a snarky, outrageous, and beautifully honest portrait of faith. In *Red, Yellow, Black, and White*, missions leader Leroy Barber sheds light on the necessity of including people of color in missions and ministry, offering groundbreaking solutions for promoting diversity. Jon M. Sweeney, a Catholic spiritual writer, and Michal Wolf, a rabbi, explore the challenges of an interfaith relationship with all of its ups and downs in *Mixed-Up Love*.

Mark Braverman, an American Jew, reveals the true nature and shocking consequences of the conflict between Israel and Palestine, offering solutions for peace in *A Wall in Jerusalem*. From Sara Miles, acclaimed author of *Take This Bread*, comes a stunning new narrative, *City of God*, about an unforgettable Ash Wednesday when she took ashes to the streets to mark the foreheads of strangers and discovered a new vision of grace. In *Cats Don’t Bark*, Shane Hipps returns to help readers understand God’s purpose for their lives and discover how to attain it.

This season, we are also thrilled to release the trade paperback editions of Brian D. McLaren’s award-winning *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?*, Shane Hipps’ *Selling Water by the River*, Lillian Daniel’s *When “Spiritual but Not Religious” Is Not Enough*, Jay Bakker’s *Faith, Doubt, and Other Lines I’ve Crossed*, and Becca Stevens’ *Snake Oil*.

Jericho Books provides a space for non-traditional voices to express fresh perspectives on today’s biggest social issues and on the changing culture in the Church. We hope you’ll join us in the conversation, both through our books and on jerichobooks.com, as we work to break down walls together.

Peace,

Wendy Grisham
Vice President and Publisher, Jericho Books
One of today’s most provocative Christian leaders, Nadia Bolz-Weber weaves personal narrative, hilarious rants, and stunning insight as she offers a fresh and uncompromising look at the transformative power of grace.

Heavily tattooed and sarcastic, Nadia Bolz-Weber didn’t consider herself “religious leader material”—and she certainly didn’t expect to find herself leading a funeral in a smoky downtown comedy club. But surrounded by fellow recovering alcoholics, depressives, and stand-up comedians, she realized something important: these were her people. Maybe she was meant to be their pastor after all. PASTRIX is a journey of cranky spirituality that intersects religion with real life. It blends sardonic irreverence and brilliant theology to offer a new portrait of faith—one that is outrageous, beautifully honest, and, above all, real. This book offers a fresh approach to a faith that has been dismissed by many (including, at one time, the author). Readers will be able to relate to her frustrations, delight in her unflinching honesty, and wonder at the unexpected beauty that Bolz-Weber encounters along the way.

PRAISE FOR NADIA BOLZ-WEBER:

“Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber is a dichotomy wrapped in a paradox covered in tattoos.” —Denver Post

EXCERPT:

It’s not that I felt pious and nurturing. It’s that there, in that underground room filled with the smell of stale beer and bad jokes, I looked around and saw more pain and questions and loss than anyone, including myself, knew what to do with. And I saw God. God, right there with the comics standing along the wall with crossed arms, as if their snarky remarks to each other would keep those embarrassing emotions away. God, right there with the woman climbing down the stage stairs after sharing a little too much about Pj being a “hot date.” God, among the cynics and alcoholics and queers… It was here in the midst of my own community of underside dwellers that I couldn’t help but begin to see the Gospel, the life-changing reality that God is not far off but here among the brokenness of our lives.

NADIA BOLZ-WEBER is the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, an ELCA mission church. She lives in Denver, Colorado.

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PASTRIX
The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint
NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

◆ Nadia Bolz-Weber is a leading voice in the emerging church movement, and has been featured on NPR, Patheos, Sojourners, The Drew Marshall Show, and the Denver Post. She is the author of Salvation on the Small Screen: 24 Hours of Christian Television (Seabury, 2008) and has written for The Christian Century, The Lutheran magazine, and more.

◆ Bolz-Weber’s Sarcastic Lutheran blog, hosted by Patheos, receives high volume traffic (40,000 hits per month). Her weekly sermons are some of the most accessed writings on Jim Wallis’ God’s Politics blog.

◆ Bolz-Weber is an in-demand international speaker and has spoken to 10,000+ people at Red Rocks Amphitheater, 20,000+ people at the UK Greenbelt Festival in 2011. She brought more than 36,000 people to their feet at the New Orleans Super Dome last year as a guest speaker at the ELCA Youth Gathering.

◆ Bolz-Weber’s church, House for All Sinners and Saints, is a diverse congregation that aims to include people who might not feel welcome in a traditional church. She is considered one of the leading pastors in the Lutheran denomination.

PASTRIX (pas • trials)

1. Term used by certain unimaginative sections of the church to emerge female pastors.
2. Female eclesiastical superlative. Trinity from the Maria in a dog collar. “What on earth was that noise?” “A pastor just stepped into the seventh circle of hell.”
3. Cranky, beautiful faith of a Sinner & Saint.
WHY DID JESUS, MOSES, THE BUDDHA, AND MOHAMMED CROSS THE ROAD?
Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World
BRIAN D. MCLAREN

This title received the Book of the Year Award by the Academy of Parish Clergy, Inc, and the Hearts and Minds Best Books of 2012 Award.

The author’s CNN article “It’s time for Islamophobic evangelicals to choose” has garnered more than 8,000 comments since its publication in September 2012.


McLaren was named one of Time’s 25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America in 2005, for his “kinder and gentler brand of religion.” He has been featured on NPR’s Morning Edition, Nightline, and PBS’s Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, and in Christianity Today, The Christian Century, Washington Post, and Huffington Post.

He has taught or lectured at many seminaries and has served on a number of boards, including Emergent Village (emergentvillage.com), Sojourners (sojo.net), Mars Hill Graduate School (mhgs.edu), International Teams (teams.org), and Off The Map (off-the-map.org). He is a founding member of Red Letter Christians.


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“Brian doesn’t shy away from the challenging issues regarding interfaith cooperation. This is a book to cherish, to read over and over, a book that sheds light and warmth on one of the most difficult questions of our era.”
—Eboo Patel, founder and president, Interfaith Youth Core, author of Acts of Faith and Sacred Ground

“It’s not just that Brian will turn the deepest inner struggles and yearnings of your faith into smiles, tears, and belly laughs. It’s that he really gets what it means to be a follower of Jesus without judging and dismissing others. I have not felt so much optimism about a constructive Christian life in years!”
—Philip Clayton, Provost of Claremont Lincoln University; author of Transforming Christian Theology

BRIAN D. MCLAREN is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. He has been active in networking and mentoring church planters and pastors for over 20 years. He is a popular conference speaker and a frequent guest lecturer for denominational and ecumenical leadership gatherings in the U.S. and internationally. He lives on Marco Island, Florida.
Drawing from 23 years of mission experience, Leroy Barber addresses the racial tensions inherent within Christian ministries, churches, and organizations, and offers practical and comprehensive solutions for promoting diversity.

Leroy Barber discovered a disturbing trend during his 23 years in Christian missions and ministries: Despite working primarily among urban and ethnic populations, less than 1% of the missionaries were African American, and, of these, less than 6% held leadership positions. His own attempt to navigate within these organizations was met with racial disconnect, bias, and discrimination. _Red, Yellow, Black, and White_ sheds light on the need for diversity in the urban mission field, highlights methods that have succeeded in diversification, and offers constructive, clear-cut solutions to promote racially varied leadership in missions and ministries. Drawing from his personal experiences and those of other African American, Asian American, Native American, and Latino leaders, he helps readers recognize the need for inclusion of people of color in this conversation. With grace, insider expertise, and insightful historical understanding, Barber sheds light on one of the most sensitive issues facing today’s Christian ministries, offering practical and comprehensive solutions for creating a more diverse and inclusive future.

**PRAISE FOR LEROY BARBER:**

“Leroy Barber dreams big dreams for our generation—dreams that have the power and potential to change the world forever.”

—Margaret Feinberg, author of _Wonderstruck_
A Catholic spiritual writer and a rabbi guide readers through the challenges of being in a relationship, dealing with family, and raising children in an interfaith household.

Jon M. Sweeney, a Catholic spiritual writer, and Michal Woll, a Reconstructionist rabbi, live out the challenges of an interfaith relationship every day as husband and wife and parents to their daughter, Sima, who is being raised Jewish. In MIXED-UP LOVE, the couple explore how interfaith relationships can affect dating, family functions, proposals, weddings, raising children, and rituals of birth, life, and death.

MIXED-UP LOVE will appeal to singles who are considering dating outside their own faith, couples involved in interfaith and other non-traditional relationships, relatives and friends of mixed couples who seek information and understanding, and parents seeking a fresh perspective on raising children in spite of ideological or cultural differences.

Together, Sweeney and Woll offer engaging insight on why the religious and social landscape is changing in the modern world, how it is impacting their lives, the lives of millions of others, and what it can mean for a more spiritually engaged future.

- More than 25% of marriages in the U.S. are interfaith, and the number of couples who are in interfaith or other nontraditional relationships continues to grow.
- Jon M. Sweeney is the author of The Pope Who Quit (Image, 2012), which was a History Book Club selection and optioned by HBO. An active blogger for Huffington Post, Sweeney’s writing has also appeared in The Christian Century, America, The Tablet (UK), National Catholic Reporter, and the popular daily devotional Daily Guideposts. Sweeney’s and Woll’s work has also appeared in America magazine.
- Sweeney is one of religion’s most respected writers and his books have been hailed by Publishers Weekly, Booklist, Kirkus Reviews, Christian Retailing, Books & Culture, and PBS’s Religion & Ethics Newsweekly.

EXCERPT:

We all have our unique journeys to take, and each of ours is both similar to, and surely different from, yours. Yet, if you are part of an interfaith couple of some constellation, or family of the same, or if you are someone engaged in religious life who believes that all of our diverse paths can support, or empower, or bolster divine work in the world, you are welcome here. We are confident that you will see some signposts from your own pathway in the world as you “look in” on ours.

PRAISE FOR JON M. SWEENEY AND MICHAL WOLL:

“Sweeney’s tale is a pleasure to read....He keeps it interesting throughout, and there is a note of enchantment in it.” —Paul Moses on The Pope Who Quit

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Readers will learn that they already possess what they’re searching for, and that Heaven isn’t just a gift when we die, but a gift while we live.

◆ Shane Hipps is the former lead pastor of Mars Hill Bible church, attended by approximately 4,000 people each Sunday. He has been featured in the Christian Post, Christianity Today, Patheos.com, and TheOoze.com. He has also contributed feature articles to and been featured in Relevant magazine, Leadership Journal, and Qideas.com.


◆ Hipps has appeared on the 700 Club Interactive and Context with Lorna Dueck, as well as Christian radio shows, and he has been a keynote speaker at Catalyst, Yale University, and Biola University. Hipps appeared with Brian D. McLaren, Lillian Daniel, and Nadia Bolz-Weber, among others, as part of Animate, a Sparkhouse DVD series, released 1/13.

◆ Hipps was a strategic planner in advertising and communications for Porsche before accepting his call as a pastor.

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The war between Israel and Palestine has gone on long enough. An internationally known Jewish activist calls Christians to take the lead in bringing peace to the Holy Land.

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EXCERPT:

The Palestinians have lost their land and live under daily, crushing humiliation. The Jewish citizens of Israel live behind a wall of soul-killing racism….We—even we, with the memory of our own persecution so recent, so seared into our consciousness and our very identity—have become the tyrants. It’s the story of how I, a Jew born at the midpoint of the twentieth century and heir to the legacy of vulnerability and deep sense of victimhood that now drives us, have by the grace of God crossed over to the other side of the wall my people have built to protect us from this “enemy.” It is the story of how I have discovered, like Jacob reunited with Esau, that in the face of my estranged brother I see the face of God.

MARK BRAVERMAN is an internationally known author and activist studying the role of faith traditions in bringing healing and peace to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. He devotes himself full-time to writing, speaking, and action related to a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Braverman lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

MARK BRAVERMAN

PRAISE FOR MARK BRAVERMAN:

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WHEN “SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS” IS NOT ENOUGH
Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church

Lillian Daniel
daniel takes on the clichéd catchphrase “I’m spiritual but not religious” by telling stories—both biblical and contemporary—of what a life of faith can really be: odd, wondrous, and worth trying.

The phrase “I’m spiritual but not religious” has become a cliché. It’s easy to find God amid the convenience of self-styled spirituality—but is it possible (and more worthwhile) to search for God through religion?

Minister and celebrated author Lillian Daniel gives a new spin on church with stories of what a life of faith can really be. From a rock-and-roller sexton to a BB gun-toting grandma, a church service attended by animals to a group of unlikely theologians at Sing Sing, Daniel presents a church that is flawed, fallible, and deeply faithful.

With poignant reflections and sly wit, readers are invited to step out of themselves, dare to become a community, and encounter a God greater than they could ever invent.

Humorous and sincere, this is a book about finding God in the most unexpected of places: prisons, airports, yoga classes, committee meetings, and, strangest of all, right there in church.

“This is the wonderful, essential Lillian Daniel at her best—earthy, perceptive, devout, tough-minded, angry and laugh-out-loud funny, all in one.”
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—booklist (starred review)

LILLIAN DANIEL has served as the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, outside Chicago, since 2004. She is the author of two previous books, This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2009) and Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony, (The Alban Institute, 2005). Daniel lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

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From Sara Miles, acclaimed author of Take This Bread, comes a powerful personal narrative about a single, unforgettable Ash Wednesday that changed her life—and the lives of countless others.

On Ash Wednesday, 2012, Sara Miles left church and took to the streets, carrying ashes to bus stops, bakeries, beauty shops, fast-food joints, street corners, and sidewalks, marking the foreheads of strangers in the ancient ritual, and offering blessings to waitresses and drunks, believers and doubters alike. CITY OF GOD narrates the events of this day in vivid detail, exploring the profound spiritual implications of touching the forehead of a stranger, and illuminating the search for God and meaning that take place every day, in every kind of neighborhood. Beginning with a trip to the emergency room, and ending that same night with an unexpected message left by a little girl, she describes the events and encounters with humor and insight. In each chapter she also casts forward and backward over the last two decades, examining her own experiences, reflecting on theology, and weaving together the moving stories of strangers and neighbors who were looking for community and discovered God.


She is a chef, war correspondent, and journalist, and the highly praised author of two previous books, Take This Bread (Ballantine, 2007) and Jesus Freak (Jossey-Bass, 2010).

She is an in-demand speaker and has been a keynote speaker at numerous conferences, universities, seminaries, churches, clergy gatherings, and festivals around the world.

CITY OF GOD will appeal to readers of Anne Lamott, Nora Gallagher, and Kathleen Norris. Thousands of people across the globe participate in Ash Wednesday and Lent every year, making this a perfect seasonal book.

EXCERPT:
A chubby 16-year-old girl looked at us as if she were trying to figure out how much more ridiculous we were than any other adults, and if we were dangerous. “What’s up with that?” she challenged Kelsey, as I crossed a bicycle messenger’s forehead. “Ash Wednesday,” Kelsey said, “Want some ashes?”

“Oh, what’s it for?” asked the girl. You are so stupid, the tone of her voice implied. You must be kidding. But she didn’t move away. Her friend tugged at her elbow. “You know, it’s like church,” she said, pulling the girl forward. “Come on, get some.”

“You first,” said the chubby girl, and so I quickly crossed her friend’s forehead, and heard her say, a little grudgingly, “Amen.”

SARA MILES is the founder and director of The Food Pantry, and serves as Director of Ministry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church. Sara Miles lives in San Francisco, California.
Innovative pastor Jay Bakker explores why doubt is an essential aspect of faith and how it can help us to discover the God whose grace knows no bounds.

Jay Bakker thought he knew God: the God who rigorously patrolled every aspect of his life, the God who chose sides, the God who was always disappointed in him. But through the transformative power of grace, he discovered the God who loved and accepted unconditionally, freeing him to ask the hard questions and delve into one of Christianity’s greatest taboos: doubt. In FAITH, DOUBT, AND OTHER LINES I’VE CROSSED, Jay voices the questions that many Christians are thinking but won’t ask as he chronicles his doubt about God, the Bible, heaven and hell, church, society, relationships, grace, and love. In the process he encourages all of us to welcome “the other”, to read the Bible differently but better, to draw together in community, and to seek an unknown God of limitless grace.

Jay Bakker pens what may be the best explanation for the Christian emphasis on the church community that I’ve ever encountered.”

—Sojourners Magazine

Jay Bakker is co-pastor of Revolution NYC and a gay rights activist. He is a grace enthusiast, a dyslexic introverted pessimist, and a prisoner of hope. He is the son of televangelists Jim Bakker and the late Tammy Faye Messner Bakker. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

ANDY MEISENHEIMER is a writer, editor, and stay-at-home dad. He and his family live in Manhattan, New York.
CATS DON’T BARK
How to Find Your Purpose
Shane Hipps

For everyone who is searching for purpose and meaning in their lives, Shane Hipps helps them fully understand who they are as individuals, and demonstrates how to pursue who God intended them to be.

After a “Damascus” experience of personal discovery, Shane Hipps left his high profile position as a strategic advertising planner for Porsche to attend seminary, become a Mennonite pastor, later the lead teaching pastor at Mars Hill Bible Church and, ultimately, a sought-after author and speaker. With his trademark insight and engaging approach, Hipps now draws on his own unconventional experience to demonstrate how readers can also discover and follow through on God’s “calling” for their lives—often with amazing results. CATS DON’T BARK is a book about personal discovery, acceptance, and a guide to cultivating the habits needed to discover and embrace our true potential.

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SHANE HIPPS is a sought-after speaker and author, and the former lead teaching pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church. Previously, he served for five years as the lead pastor of a Mennonite church in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a graduate of Fuller Seminary. Hipps lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Shane Hipps puts his finger on something we all long for: a connection with the Divine."
—Tony Jones (TonyJ.net), theologian and author of The New Christians, on Selling Water by the River

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Hipp is the author of Selling Water by the River (Jericho Books, 978-1-4555-2208-8), which will be published in trade paperback in October 2013 (see page 10).

The author has been featured multiple times in Christian Post, Christianity Today, Collide Magazine, Patheos blog, and theoee.com. He has contributed feature articles to and been profiled in Relevant magazine, Leadership Journal and Qideas.com. He has been a guest on the 700 Club Interactive and Context with Lorna Dueck, among other Christian programs.


In January 2013, Hipps appeared with speakers such as Brian D. McLaren, Lauren Winner, and Nadia Bolz-Weber as part of Animate, a Sparkhouse DVD series intended as the progressive Christian alternative to the Alpha Course.
Rev. Becca Stevens created a non-profit to help women who have survived prostitution, trafficking, and addiction find sanctuary and security. This is her—and their—story.

Like the “snake oil” salesmen who sold remedies with a hope and a dream, Becca Stevens claims healing through liniments, oils, and time. The social enterprises she founded, Thistle Farms and Magdalene, have turned the term’s negative connotations into a positive. Thistle Farms employs women recovering from violence, prostitution, addiction, and life on the streets to create, market, and sell all-natural bath and beauty products, while Magdalene offers housing, education, and more at no cost. In SNAKE OIL, Stevens tells how her own childhood, marked by sexual abuse and her father’s tragic death, equipped her with the strength to pursue a path of transformation and social activism that she never could have imagined. From crowns of clover to soothing balms, SNAKE OIL offers an empowering narrative as well as a selection of rejuvenating recipes that readers can make themselves.

“A simple, comforting reflection on one woman’s crusade to make a difference in the world.”

—Kirkus Reviews

“In 2011, Stevens was named one of 15 “Champions of Change” by the White House’s Office of Public Engagement, and “Social Entrepreneur of the Year” in Nashville, Tennessee. To date, she has raised more than $13 million for the organizations she supports.

Becca Stevens’s ministries are serving as models for similar campaigns across the nation and have been featured on CNN News, NPR’s All Things Considered, HLN’s Nancy Grace, Washington Times, Huffington Post, Christian Science Monitor, and Publishers Weekly.

Thistle Farms products have been featured in Teen Vogue, Cosmopolitan.com, Victoria Magazine, Cooking with Paula Deen, MarieClaire.com, United Hemispheres Magazine, Health, and Southern Living. They have been sold in more than 200 stores, at more than 200 events per year; friends of Thistle Farms include Reba McEntire, Sugarland, Kelly Clarkson, Alison Krauss, and bestselling author Ann Patchett.

Stevens has a strong online presence through the 20,000-member subscriber database at thistlefarms.org, Twitter, Facebook, and her personal website.

The author will donate a portion of her proceeds from the book to the Magdalene and Thistle Farms ministries.

Stevens’s first book, Sanctuary (Dimensions for Living, 2005), was nominated as Christianity Today’s best spirituality book of 2005.


“SNAKE OIL is one of the best reads I have had in a very long time. Stevens is a consummate storyteller... poignant, persuasive, witty, wise and, ultimately, a passionate lover of God.”

—Phyllis Tickle, lecturer on religion in America and author of Emergence Christianity: What It Is, Where It Is Going, and Why It Matters

“Becca Stevens’s profound and sensual autobiography, carries a weight of joy in every syllable.”

—Alice Randall, author of The Wind Done Gone and Ada’s Rules

“Oh, just a book extolling the virtues of being a snake oil salesman, and have us believe it. After reading this, I’m ready to be anointed!”

—Marshall Chapman, author of They Came to Nashville and Goodbye, Little Rock and Roller

SNAKE OIL
The Art of Healing and Truth-Telling
BECCA STEVENS

BECCA STEVENS is an Episcopal priest, social entrepreneur and speaker. Stevens is the founder of Magdalene and Thistle Farms, and also the Episcopal chaplain at St. Augustine’s at Vanderbilt University. She lives in Nashville, Tennessee.