

Jesus Walter Wangerin Jr

The parables and teachings of Jesus are brought to life in this stunning picture book from award-winning author and illustrator John Hendrix. But Jesus was going somewhere. His journey to find those most in need of him began anew each morning. Jesus walked . . . and ever since, people have followed him. Through parables of the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, the lost sheep and the beatitudes, Jesus taught his disciples the redeeming power of sacrificial love and showed mercy to everyone around him—especially the sick, the poor, and the downtrodden. In this inspirational and richly illustrated book, John Hendrix brings to life the wisdom of Jesus. Interweaving hand lettering with his signature, award-winning art style, Hendrix captures the spirit of Jesus's timeless message that will resonate with readers of any Christian faith.

This award-winning author of *The Book of Sorrows* presents 366 thought-provoking meditations culled from the spiritually enriching work he has written over the years. Hailed by author Toni Morrison as, "stunning . . . subtly, magically vulnerable and complex."

Most books on marriage offer ten easy steps and twenty-five proven principles for achieving marital bliss. But Walter Wangerin side-steps such easy answers and offers us instead an intimate portrait of his own courtship and thirty-two year marriage—and a pastoral view of married life that inspires readers to view their own marriages with new honesty and hope. Wangerin's six tasks of marriage encourages couples to better understand and happily live out the vows they made, giving them tools to nurture and maintain a strong marital relationship. In his endorsement, Philip Yancey accurately describes this book as "an enduring classic and a book of wisdom, beauty, compassion, and piercing honesty."

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Discusses the grief that results from the loss of things that give meaning to life, defines the stages of grief, and offers a new vision of Christ's sacrifice to help make the journey through grief to healing

From National Book Award-winning author Walter Wangerin, Jr. comes the thought-provoking sequel to *The Book of the Dun Cow*, with new and revised content. "[A] profoundly imagined and beautifully stylized fable of the immemorial war between good and evil." —*The New York Times* "A beautifully written fantasy anchored starkly in reality." —*The Washington Post* Seeking peace and respite after their devastating battle with the Wyrms, Chauntecleer and his wife Pertelote again lead the animals of the Coop. But their quest is interrupted when Wyrms once again insinuate themselves into the lives of the animals. To defeat this ancient evil for good, Chauntecleer will have to face Wyrms again, not on the battlefield, but deep within the serpent's lair, risking his very soul to ensure the safety of the animals under his protection. "[A] fine book about the way evil enters the world, and this newly told story of Chauntecleer is one that details the loss of his innocence, of his love and of his God." —*The Houston Chronicle*

Explores the dangerous influence of fundamentalism on Christianity, explaining how the emphasis on judgment and lack of compassion and understanding are at odds with the teaching of Christ

In *Preparing for Jesus*, best-selling author and master storyteller Walter Wangerin Jr. recreates verbal images of the events surrounding the Advent of Christ, offering a devotional journey into the heart of the Christmas season. Through rich detail and vivid images, these moving meditations make Christ's birth both intimate and immediate, allowing us to see Christmas from its original happening to its perennial recurrence in our hearts. *Preparing for Jesus* is sure to be a seasonal classic, treasured year after year.

There are some things we just don't talk about. Things like sex, particularly when our sexuality is a matter of personal struggle. Things like the vulnerabilities of our pastors, who must maintain a façade not merely of respectability but of moral and psychological superiority. We don't talk about things that make us feel insecure, that make us feel unsettled. But the nature of spiritual growth, even the story of Christian faith, is a matter of being unsettled from the comfortable compromises we've made and set on a course together toward wholeness and mutually supportive community. Pastor T. C. Ryan takes us on an unsettling journey through his lifelong struggle with sexual addiction, one that predated and pervaded his pastoral ministry—one which for far too long he faced in secrecy and isolation, separated from the brothers and sisters in Christ who were called to bear one another's burdens. *Ashamed No More* doesn't cast blame or argue for looser moral standards. It does, however, call us to the unsettling ministry that a God who is love calls us to—the unsettling grace that is the audacious gospel of Christ.

A rich collection of prayers for all occasions, written by, and uniquely tailored for, husbands and wives to use together.

This detailed chronological study by a noted scholar describes the unfolding Old Testament concept of Messiah.

No story has more significance than this: the death and resurrection of Jesus. But somehow the oft-repeated tale of Christ's passion can become too familiar, too formalized, for us to experience its incredible immediacy. The meditations in *Reliving the Passion*, which received a Gold Medallion Award in 1993, follow the story as given in the gospel of Mark—from the moment when the chief priests plot to kill Jesus to the Resurrection. But these readings are more than a recounting of events; they are an imaginary reenactment, leading the reader to re-experience the Passion or perhaps see it fully for the very first time. As only a great storyteller can, Walter Wangerin enables the reader to see the story from the inside, to discover the strangeness and wonder of the events as they unfold. It's like being there. In vivid images and richly personal detail, Wangerin helps us recognize our own faces on the streets of Jerusalem; breathe the dark and heavy air of Golgotha; and experience, as Mary and Peter did, the bewilderment, the challenge, and the ultimate revelation of knowing the man called Jesus. "The story gets personal for every reader," writes Wangerin, "for this is indeed our story, the story whereby we personally have been saved from such a death as Jesus died. "No, there is not another tale in the world more meaningful than this—here is where we all take our stands against sin and death and Satan, upon this historical,

historic event. I consider it a holy privilege to participate in it retelling. “Read this book slowly. Read it with a seeing faith. Walk the way with Jesus. We, his followers of later centuries, do follow even now. Read, walk, come, sigh, live. Live! Rise again!”

Master storyteller Walter Wangerin Jr. shares the story of the Bible from beginning to end as you've never read it before, retold with exciting detail and passionate energy. “. . . a feat of imagination and faith.” —Philip Yancey, award-winning author *The Book of God* reads like a novel, dramatizing the sweep of biblical events, bringing to life the men and women of this ancient book in vivid detail and dialogue. From Abraham wandering in the desert to Jesus teaching the multitudes on a Judean hillside, this award-winning bestseller follows the biblical story in chronological order. Priests and kings, apostles and prophets, common folk and charismatic leaders—individual stories offer glimpses into an unfolding revelation that reaches across the centuries to touch us today.

Autobiographical stories, short fiction, and poetry to explore man's desire for God and the joy of discovering His presence in time.

Born to medieval noble parents and revered for his famous devotion to the church, Julian hides his violent nature until a deer he has brutally slain prophesies that he will also kill his parents, prompting him to flee and pursue spiritual redemption. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

Many know the acclaimed author Walter Wangerin Jr., the storyteller who gave us the national bestseller *The Book of the Duncow*. In *Wounds Are Where Light Enters*, you'll see how God's love breaks into our lonely moments in unexplainable ways. Wangerin tells the stories of memorable characters facing the same struggles we all face as we try to trust in God's faithfulness. *Wounds Are Where Light Enters* is a collection of stories that are warm, sometimes funny, sometimes not, but always taking unexpected turns to find the care of God in all the pathways of life. In them we find the grace that enables us to live with the answers we see and the answers we don't see. In this collection we meet Arthur Bias, the retired black police officer who loves those who hate, Agnes Brill, the shrill piano teacher of patience, Junie Piper, precious of the homeless, Melvin, who honors his aging mother by honoring the little girl she has become, Lucian, the lover of thieves, and Blue Jack, the hammer of God. Readers will discover in these stories a powerful display of God's working in the lives of all of us. They'll find a place where he works even in the dark, even in the struggles, even in the wounds. This is the place where God's light enters.

Following a conflict with the dreaded Wyrms, the barnyard animals try to piece together their shattered lives while unaware that their enemy plans new attacks.

Walter Wangerin Jr. is know for his powerful storytelling in such books as *The Book of the Duncow*, *The Book of God*, and *Paul: A Novel*. Now he offers the most important story of the Christian faith—the life of Jesus presented in the author's inimitable style. Rich in atmosphere and historical detail and as compelling as any contemporary fiction, this novel will move readers with its creative perspectives and deep insights.

From master storyteller Walter Wangerin, Jr. comes this familiar biblical saga told in a fresh, transfixing way. You'll feel you've never heard it before! Melding historical accuracy with imaginative detail, Wangerin uses the biblical books of Judges and Ruth to explore themes of love, faith, grief and community set against a backdrop of war and political instability. The widow Naomi grieves the deaths of her two adult sons after the shocking murder of a beloved adopted daughter, while pondering her responsibilities toward her Moabite daughters-in-law.

Ancient Israel is in chaos. When her daughter-in-law, Ruth, begs to return to Israel with Naomi, events are set in motion that will change the course of history. But wait...this isn't the tame, flannel graph story you heard in Sunday School. In the tradition of Anita Diamant's *The Red Tent* and Elissa Elliott's *Eve: A Novel of the First Woman*, Wangerin imbues his tale with strong female characters and an earthy realism that gives the timeless Old Testament narrative so much power. You'll find echoes of contemporary issues throughout: deceit, heartbreak, loss, war, and, of course, the power of love. Naomi's combined strength and tenderness becomes the pivot upon which a nation turns; her decisions ultimately lead to the founding of the family lineage of Jesus Christ. Breathtaking descriptions, shocking violence, and inspirational courage make this spellbinding novel by a beloved award-winning author a story you won't soon forget. It's the perfect novel for your book group, and a satisfying read for those who love thoughtful biblical fiction.

The story of the last days in Jesus' life, from the Last Supper to his crucifixion and resurrection, told from the point of view of one of his disciples, Simon Peter.

Miz Lil and the Chronicles of Grace weaves the compelling story of a pastor's call to the inner-city and the dramas of faith that he encountered there. First published in 1988, it is here expanded with an all new Afterword.

Now in paperback, a treasure trove of 26 eloquent and deeply moving stories by the American Book Award-winning author of *The Book of the Dun Cow* and *The Book of Sorrows*. "These are stories of human lives, of grit, of determination, of righteousness and self-righteousness, of peace, joy and love".--Provident Book Finder.

Walk with Jesus leads churchgoers through the forty days of Lent with daily entries to prepare their hearts for Easter. (Must order in bundles of twenty-five) It all began with the long awaited coming of Messiah, the person who would preside over the Jewish nation and bring peace and freedom to a people in need. But the Easter story, the Gospel story in the making, ends with a much larger conclusion: the possibility of eternal freedom for all who would believe. In *Walk with Jesus*, a forty day Lent devotional From Charles R. Swindoll, readers go on a compelling journey through the life and ministry of Jesus. This powerful booklet gives insights only a learned teacher could give while engaging the heart and mind only as a pastor can. Anyone wishing to be transformed and find a fresh encounter with God will find it daily through the pages of *Walk with Jesus*. **Please Note: Must be ordered in multiples of twenty-five.

A New York Times bestselling and widely admired Catholic writer explores how we can retrieve transcendent faith in modern times Critically acclaimed and bestselling author James Carroll has explored every aspect of Christianity, faith, and Jesus Christ except this central one: What can we believe about—and how can we believe in—Jesus in the twenty-first century in light of the Holocaust and other atrocities of the twentieth century and the drift from religion that followed? What Carroll has discovered through decades of writing and lecturing is that he is far from alone in clinging to a received memory of Jesus that separates him from his crucial identity as a Jew, and therefore as a human. Yet if Jesus was not taken as divine, he would be of no interest to us. What can that mean now? Paradoxically, the key is his permanent Jewishness. No Christian himself, Jesus actually transcends Christianity. Drawing on both a wide range of scholarship as well as his own acute searching as a believer, Carroll takes a fresh look at the most familiar narratives of all—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Far from another book about the “historical Jesus,” he takes the challenges of science and contemporary philosophy seriously. He retrieves the power of Jesus’ profound ordinariness, as an answer to his own last question—what is the future of Jesus Christ?—as the key to a renewal of faith.

A stunning picture book portrays the life of Jesus of Nazareth, from his birth in Bethlehem, to his baptism and temptation, to his death on the cross, his

resurrection, and his ascension.

In this new memoir by National Book Award-winning author Walter Wangerin, Jr., he invites the reader into the past to experience his loss of faith as a young seminarian, his struggle to find a place for his chosen vocation amid an ocean of doubts, and his eventual renewal in the arms of an inner-city church called Grace. With his inimitable style and keen eye for detail, Wangerin remembers his own story and gives it to us as an everlasting testament to the faithfulness of God.

Providing a historical and modern context for the unique spiritual discipline of walking a labyrinth, Travis Scholl weaves his own journey with a prayerful study of the Gospel of Mark, guiding readers to powerful encounters with God, even in the midst of quiet solitude, repetition and stillness. These 40 reflections are ideal for daily reading—during Lent or any time of the year.

For more than forty years, Walter Wangerin, Jr. has been a formidable presence in American literature. A National Book Award-winner and the author of dozens of beloved books spanning numerous genres from fantasy to theology, his is a voice that has made an indelible impression upon generations of writers and readers as it sings to us out of the often silent places of the world. In this special collection of original essays, Wangerin's fellow writers in the Chrysostom Society turn their gifts upon his lifetime of work to draw out that which has drawn so many in. Featuring essays from Eugene Peterson, Luci Shaw, Philip Yancey, and others, these essays explore the breadth and depth of a writer who has wandered through a passage and has returned with news of a far country.

In *Letters from the Land of Cancer Ebook*, award-winning writer Walter Wangerin Jr. offers his profound insights into the greatest challenge we face: confronting our own mortality. "Shortly after the cancer had been diagnosed I began writing letters to the members of my immediate family, to relatives and to lifelong friends. The following book will consist mostly of those letters. They will invite you into my most intimate dancing with the cancer, even as that partner and I have over the last two years swung each other around the tiled floors of ballrooms and bathrooms. Dizzy still, and day by day, I sat and wrote: This is what I'm feeling right now. This is what I think...." From afternoon to afternoon of radiation, Wangerin wrote about confronting his mortality, about living with the messiness of undone tasks and bodily weakness. He wrote about the medical procedures he endured, the wild mood swings that unbalanced his days, and the fragilities and strengths of the relationships that surrounded him. *Letters from the Land of Cancer Ebook* is made up of these writings. Cadenced within the letters are Wangerin's eloquent meditations derived from his pastoral experiences with the faithful passage of death to life. Seldom has the great adventure of life and death been as beautifully presented as it is in this testimony to faith, love, and the shocking reality of hope.

Good struggles with Evil as Chauntecleer the rooster fights against the mysterious Wyrn.

Profiles Jesus Christ as the human face of God, taking into the account the multiple ways his life has been viewed and retold, and dramatizing the transformation from a man to a myth.

Acts of the Almighty by beloved, National Book Award-winning author Walter Wangerin Jr. carries us sequentially through the sweep of the Bible's story in daily devotional readings. One of the greatest modern writers on faith and spirituality, Walter Wangerin Jr. is the author of more than forty books - including *The Book of God* and *The Book of the Dun Cow* - and the recipient of the National Book Award. In *Acts of the Almighty*, Wangerin's deep biblical insight and poetic heart help us explore how the Bible fits together into one grand story. This 365-day devotional invites us to understand more fully God's redeeming works through five sections: Genesis and Exodus, David and Solomon, the prophets, the life of Christ, and the birth of the Church. The short, daily readings capture Wangerin's signature voice as well as his profound wisdom. Each dated entry contains a biblical passage that focuses on a single moment from the Bible's epic story, a brief meditation from Wangerin, and a prayer. Sink deep into this unique devotional that takes you through the Bible in one year. *Acts of the Almighty* offers a beautiful opportunity to read the Bible's expansive and arresting story in a brand-new way.

Award-winning author Walter Wangerin Jr. gracefully explores the dynamics of prayer--of speaking, of listening, of waiting, and of hearing God's voice. With luminous prose, he surveys the landscape of communication and communion with God--what whole prayer feels like, looks like, and sounds like. If you long for a deeper relationship with God, *Whole Prayer* is a trustworthy guide.

Updated with eleven new stories and meditations, this Gold Medallion-winning classic interweaves vivid stories, deep meditations, and provocative allegories that together explore the power and meaning of love within an often inhumane urban landscape. The opening chapter, "Ragman," remains one of Walter Wangerin Jr.'s most beloved works and leads the reader to thirty-three other writings, all bearing the author's trademark poignancy and lyricism. Ranging from gentle reflections to heart-rending invocations, these selections are powerful, thought-provoking explorations of the meaning of faith, the person of Christ, and the communion of believers. Again and again, Wangerin's cries of faith touch our deepest pains with rays of joyful healing.

Sun, cloud, rain, wind, water, and the whole of creation join family and friends in celebrating the baptism of a child of God.

Wangerin "weaves the history of the early church and its greatest apostle into a powerful epic."--Jacket.

The long awaited conclusion to the National Book Award-winning *THE BOOK OF THE DUN COW* trilogy, from Walter Wangerin, Jr. Pertelote, widow of Chauntecleer the Golden Rooster, takes up his mantle as leader of the Animals as they seek safety from the great evil of the Wyrms and his children. Desperate to keep safe those she's responsible for, Pertelote is travelling blindly, suffering

the purposeless, undirected, but insistent journey as the new leader. Two other groups of Creatures are making their own journeys through the perilous land: Eurus the merciless yellow-eyed Wolf and his pack, and the sociable pair Wachanga the Cream-Colored Wolf and her friend Kangi Sapa, the Raven. When Pertelote and her band of Animals meet Wachanga and Kangi, she finds much-needed allies in her travels. Allies that become all the more valuable after cruel Eurus begins following the weary Animals with a murderous intent. When the disparate bands of Creatures converge on a hidden crater high in the dangerous mountains, they make a monumental discovery that may finally mean an end to their trials and tribulations. The epic journey begun in THE BOOK OF THE DUN COW reaches its powerful conclusion in THE THIRD BOOK OF THE DUN COW: PEACE AT THE LAST, proving the sacrifices of Chauntecleer and the Animals were not in vain. Praise for THE BOOK OF THE DUN COW: "Far and away the most literate and intelligent story of the year ... Mr. Wangerin's allegorical fantasy about the age-old struggle between good and evil produces a resonance; it is a taut string plucked that reverberates in memory" —New York Times "Belongs on the shelf with Animal Farm, Watership Down and The Lord of the Rings. It is, like them, an absorbing, fanciful parade of the war between good and evil. A powerful and enjoyable work of the imagination." —Los Angeles Times Praise for THE SECOND BOOK OF THE DUN COW: LAMENTATIONS "[A] profoundly imagined and beautifully stylized fable of the immemorial war between good and evil." —The New York Times

Helps children to see the gospel heart of the whole Bible as they discover how Daniel points to Jesus

A remarkable weaving of faith, myth, and humanity from award-winning novelist Walter Wangerin Jr. Faith, writes Walter Wangerin, is 'a relationship with the living God enacted in this world.' It is ever-changing and inherently dramatic. The Orphan Passages is Wangerin's compelling story of a Christian pastor's career and the drama of his faith. Interlaced with the classical myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, this daring and unconventional inquiry into Christian experience ranks among the most challenging of Wangerin's works. Wangerin sees in the ancient myth an extraordinary parallel of the twists and turns individuals follow in their journeys of faith. In the author's own present-day Reverend Orpheus, that parallel is vividly played out -- rendering the modern story of one man both universal and timeless. The Orphan Passages asserts the truth of a legend that people of all times have experienced. It has the immediacy of a well-wrought novel, driving readers on to the surprising yet inevitable conclusion.

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