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### Jesus and the

### Eyewitnesses

Yale

University Press

Khorramshahr, Iran, May

1982—It was the bloodiest

battle of one of the most

brutal wars of the

twentieth century, and

Najah, a twenty-nine-

year-old wounded Iraqi

conscript, was face to

face with a thirteen-year-

old Iranian child soldier

who was ordered to kill

him. Instead, the boy

committed an astonishing

act of mercy. It was an act

that decades later would

save his own life. This is a

remarkable story. It is

gut-wrenching, essential,

and astonishing. It's a war

story. A love story. A

page-turner of vast moral

dimensions. An eloquent

and haunting act of

witness to horrors beyond

grimmiest fiction, and a

thing of towering beauty.

More importantly, it is a

story that must be told,

and a richly textured view

into an overlooked conflict

and misunderstood

region. This is the great

untold story of the

children and young men

whose lives were

sacrificed at the whim of

vicious dictators and

pointless, barbaric wars.

Little has been written of the Iran-Iraq war, which was among the most brutal conflicts of the twentieth century, one fought with chemical weapons, ballistic missiles, and cadres of child soldiers. The numbers involved are staggering: —All told, it claimed 700,000 lives—200,000 Iraqis, and 500,000 Iranians. —Young men of military service age—eighteen and above in Iraq, fifteen and above in Iran—died in the greatest numbers. —80,000 Iranian child soldiers were killed, mostly between the ages of sixteen and seventeen. —The two countries spent a combined 1.1 trillion dollars fighting the war. Rarely does this kind of reportage succeed so power- fully as literature. More rarely still does such searingly brilliant literature—fit to stand beside Remarque, Hemingway, and O'Brien—emerge from behind “enemy” lines. But Zahed, a child, and Najah, a young restaurateur, are rare men—not just survivors, but masterful, wondrously gifted storytellers. Written with award-winning journalist Meredith May, this is literature of a very high order, set down with

passion, urgency, and consummate skill. This story is an affirmation that, in the end, it is our humanity that transcends politics and borders and saves us all.

### The Presence of God

Harvard University Press

For the many readers who

love *The Fault in Our*

*Stars*, this is the story of a

girl who is determined to

live, love, and to write her

own ending before her

time is finally up. Tessa

has just months to live.

Fighting back against

hospital visits, endless

tests, and drugs with

excruciating side effects,

Tessa compiles a list. It's

her *To Do Before I Die* list.

And number one is Sex.

Released from the

constraints of “normal”

life, Tessa tastes new

experiences to make her

feel alive while her failing

body struggles to keep

up. Tessa's feelings, her

relationships with her

father and brother, her

estranged mother, her

best friend, and her new

boyfriend, are all painfully

crystallized in the

precious weeks before

Tessa's time runs out. A

Publishers Weekly Best

Children's Book of the

Year A Booklist Editors'

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Publishers Weekly Flying

Start Author An ALA-YALSA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults The newly released feature film *Now Is Good*, starring Dakota Fanning, is based on Jenny Downham's intensely moving novel. *Before I Die* Wednesday Books

"One minute after you die you will either be elated or terrified. And it will be too late to reroute your travel plans." Death comes to all, and yet death is not the end. For some, death is the beginning of unending bliss, for others, unending despair. In this latest edition of the bestselling book *One Minute After You Die*, Pastor Erwin W. Lutzer weighs the Bible's words on life after death. He considers: Channeling, reincarnation, and near-death experiences What heaven and hell will be like The justice of eternal punishment Trusting in God's providence Preparing for your own final moment Though the afterlife is shrouded in mystery, the Bible does peel back the curtain. Dr. Lutzer will help you understand what is on the other side. May the reality of eternity quicken and comfort you today.

### **Rethinking Hell**

HarperCollins

Introduction: Goldilocks in

Byzantium 1. The Challenge: A Framework for Collapse 2. Beliefs, Narratives, and the Moral Universe 3. Identities, Divisions, and Solidarities 4. Elites and Interests 5. Regional Variation and Resistance 6. Some Environmental Factors 7. Organization, Cohesion, and Survival A Conclusion. *From Age to Age* HarperCollins

Through seventeen powerful testimonies, Syrian-Palestinian poet Ramy Al-Asheq's *Ever Since I Did Not Die* is a poignant autobiographical journey that vividly depicts what it means to live through war. The texts gathered in *Ever Since I Did Not Die* by Syrian-Palestinian poet Ramy Al-Asheq are a poignant record of a fateful journey. Having grown up in a refugee camp in Damascus, Al-Asheq was imprisoned and persecuted by the regime in 2011 during the Syrian Revolution. He was released from jail, only to be recaptured and imprisoned in Jordan. After escaping from prison, he spent two years in Jordan under a fake name and passport, during which he won a literary fellowship that allowed him to travel to Germany in 2014, where

he now lives and writes in exile. Through seventeen powerful testimonies, *Ever Since I Did Not Die* vividly depicts what it means to live through war. Exquisitely weaving the past with the present and fond memories with brutal realities, this volume celebrates resistance through words that refuse to surrender and continue to create beauty amidst destruction--one of the most potent ways to survive in the darkest of hours.

*How Not to Die* Zondervan Smart, darkly funny, and life-affirming, *How Not to Die Alone* is the bighearted debut novel we all need, for fans of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, it's a story about love, loneliness, and the importance of taking a chance when we feel we have the most to lose. "Wryly funny and quirkily charming."--Eleanor Brown, author of *The Weird Sisters* Sometimes you need to risk everything...to find your something. Andrew's been feeling stuck. For years he's worked a thankless public health job, searching for the next of kin of those who die alone. Luckily, he goes home to a loving family

every night. At least, that's what his coworkers believe. Then he meets Peggy. A misunderstanding has left Andrew trapped in his own white lie and his lonely apartment. When new employee Peggy breezes into the office like a breath of fresh air, she makes Andrew feel truly alive for the first time in decades. Could there be more to life than this? But telling Peggy the truth could mean losing everything. For twenty years, Andrew has worked to keep his heart safe, forgetting one important thing: how to live. Maybe it's time for him to start.

*Paul and Union with Christ*  
Penguin  
Preached at Enfield, Connecticut on July 8, 1741, this is perhaps the greatest sermon ever preached in America—and is certainly among the most well known. Owing to its forthright dealing with God's wrath and His intense hatred of sin and the sinner, it is also one of the most controversial. Indeed, for more than three-quarters of the sermon Edwards lays down a relentless stream of the most vivid and horrifying descriptions of the danger facing unregenerate men. While it is difficult to read such

graphic language, there is abundant hope in the sermon's conclusion. Edwards puts it this way, "And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open and stands calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners." While those who would rather ignore God's justice in favor of His mercy condemn Edwards and his sermon, those who were present and actually heard him preach that day reacted in a decidedly different manner. According to the diary of Reverend Stephen Williams who attended the sermon, "Before the sermon was done there was a great moaning and crying through the whole House, 'what shall I do to be saved; oh, I am going to hell, etc.'" The diary goes on to indicate that Edwards had to interrupt his sermon and come down to minister to those who were under such awful conviction. And so, in spite of what the scoffers might think or say, "the amazing and astonishing power of God" was manifested among the people that day—with many falling not into the hands of an angry God, but into the arms of a

mighty Savior.

[I Shall Not Die](#) Flatiron Books

The Message of a Master is the story of a seemingly miraculous change that takes place in a man after he meets a true master of life. He learns, and shares with us, teachings that allow him to develop his powers so that he can accomplish anything he desires.

*The Pony That Did Not Die*  
Chronicle Books

The NIV is the world's best-selling modern translation, with over 150 million copies in print since its first full publication in 1978. This highly accurate and smooth-reading version of the Bible in modern English has the largest library of printed and electronic support material of any modern translation.

[The Theory That Would Not Die](#) Chapel Library

#1 New York Times Bestseller Over 10 million copies sold In this generation-defining self-help guide, a superstar blogger cuts through the crap to show us how to stop trying to be "positive" all the time so that we can truly become better, happier people. For decades, we've been told that positive thinking is the key to a happy, rich

life. "F\*\*k positivity," Mark Manson says. "Let's be honest, shit is f\*\*ked and we have to live with it." In his wildly popular Internet blog, Manson doesn't sugarcoat or equivocate. He tells it like it is—a dose of raw, refreshing, honest truth that is sorely lacking today. *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*\*k* is his antidote to the coddling, let's-all-feel-good mindset that has infected American society and spoiled a generation, rewarding them with gold medals just for showing up. Manson makes the argument, backed both by academic research and well-timed poop jokes, that improving our lives hinges not on our ability to turn lemons into lemonade, but on learning to stomach lemons better. Human beings are flawed and limited—"not everybody can be extraordinary, there are winners and losers in society, and some of it is not fair or your fault." Manson advises us to get to know our limitations and accept them. Once we embrace our fears, faults, and uncertainties, once we stop running and avoiding and start confronting painful truths, we can begin to find the courage, perseverance, honesty, responsibility,

curiosity, and forgiveness we seek. There are only so many things we can give a f\*\*k about so we need to figure out which ones really matter, Manson makes clear. While money is nice, caring about what you do with your life is better, because true wealth is about experience. A much-needed grab-you-by-the-shoulders-and-look-you-in-the-eye moment of real-talk, filled with entertaining stories and profane, ruthless humor, *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*\*k* is a refreshing slap for a generation to help them lead contented, grounded lives.

#### **How Not to Die Alone**

Zondervan Academic  
A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, *The Things They Carried* is a groundbreaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling. *The Things They Carried* depicts the men of Alpha Company: Jimmy Cross, Henry Dobbins, Rat Kiley, Mitchell Sanders, Norman Bowker, Kiowa, and the character Tim O'Brien, who has survived his tour

in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of forty-three. Taught everywhere—from high school classrooms to graduate seminars in creative writing—it has become required reading for any American and continues to challenge readers in their perceptions of fact and fiction, war and peace, courage and fear and longing. *The Things They Carried* won France's prestigious Prix du Meilleur Livre Etranger and the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize; it was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

*The Message of a Master*  
Mariner Books  
Heller thought she'd found her dream man—until he turned out to be a "frequent flier," the term doctors and nurses use to refer to patients who land in the E.R. more often than the average person goes to Starbucks. Here, Jane shares her experiences of looking after her chronically ill husband and offers practical guidance for handling it all without drowning. She provides advice on staying healthy while caring for a loved one and learning to communicate with

medical staff.

*I Love Jesus, But I Want to Die* Simon and Schuster

An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature's most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee. Meredith May recalls the first time a honeybee crawled on her arm. She was five years old, her parents had recently split and suddenly she found herself in the care of her grandfather, an eccentric beekeeper who made honey in a rusty old military bus in the yard. That first close encounter was at once terrifying and exhilarating for May, and in that moment she discovered that everything she needed to know about life and family was right before her eyes, in the secret world of bees. May turned to her grandfather and the art of beekeeping as an escape from her troubled reality. Her mother had receded into a volatile cycle of neurosis and despair and spent most days locked away in the bedroom. It was during this pivotal time in May's childhood that she learned to take care of herself, forged an unbreakable bond with her grandfather and opened her eyes to the magic and wisdom of nature. The bees became

a guiding force in May's life, teaching her about family and community, loyalty and survival and the unequivocal relationship between a mother and her child. Part memoir, part beekeeping odyssey, *The Honey Bus* is an unforgettable story about finding home in the most unusual of places, and how a tiny, little-understood insect could save a life.

[Ever Since I Did Not Die](#)

Harper Perennial

There is a palpable sense of confusion—and sometimes even embarrassment—with regard to so-called limited atonement today, pointing to the need for thoughtful engagement with this controversial doctrine. Incorporating contributions from a host of respected theologians, *From Heaven He Came and Sought Her* stands as the first comprehensive resource on definite atonement as it examines the issue from historical, biblical, theological, and pastoral perspectives. Offering scholarly insights for those seeking a thorough and well-researched discussion, this book will encourage charitable conversations as it winsomely defends this foundational tenet of Reformed theology. \*The

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*Some Of Us Did Not Die:*

*Selected Essays* P & R

Publishing

Noted New Testament

scholar Bauckham

challenges the prevailing

assumption the accounts

of Jesus circulated as

"anonymous community

traditions," instead

asserting that they were

transmitted in the name

of the original eyewitness.

**Radical** Crossway

The final book of the

Bible, *Revelation*

prophesies the ultimate

judgement of mankind in

a series of allegorical

visions, grisly images and

numerological predictions.

According to these,

empires will fall, the

"Beast" will be destroyed

and Christ will rule a new

Jerusalem. With an

introduction by Will Self.

[The Boy Who Came Back](#)

[from Heaven](#) WestBow

Press

Using the narrative

method of biblical

theology, *From Age to*

*Age* traces the

eschatological themes of

Scripture from Genesis to

*Revelation*, emphasizing

how each book of the

Bible develops these



themes that culminate in the coming of Christ and showing how individual texts fit into the overarching picture.

[Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God](#) Civitas Books  
The New York Times bestselling memoir of a woman whose curiosity led her to the world's most remote places and then into fifteen months of captivity: "Exquisitely told...A young woman's harrowing coming-of-age story and an extraordinary narrative of forgiveness and spiritual triumph" (The New York Times Book Review). As a child, Amanda Lindhout escaped a violent household by paging through issues of National Geographic and imagining herself visiting its exotic locales. At the age of nineteen, working as a cocktail waitress, she began saving her tips so she could travel the globe. Aspiring to understand the world and live a significant life, she backpacked through Latin America, Laos, Bangladesh, and India, and emboldened by each adventure, went on to Sudan, Syria, and Pakistan. In war-ridden Afghanistan and Iraq she carved out a fledgling career as a television reporter. And then, in

August 2008, she traveled to Somalia—"the most dangerous place on earth." On her fourth day, she was abducted by a group of masked men along a dusty road. Held hostage for 460 days, Amanda survives on memory—every lush detail of the world she experienced in her life before captivity—and on strategy, fortitude, and hope. When she is most desperate, she visits a house in the sky, high above the woman kept in chains, in the dark. Vivid and suspenseful, as artfully written as the finest novel, *A House in the Sky* is "a searingly unsentimental account. Ultimately it is compassion—for her naïve younger self, for her kidnappers—that becomes the key to Lindhout's survival" (O, The Oprah Magazine).

[You'd Better Not Die Or I'll Kill You](#) Hay House, Inc  
The author and psychotherapist shares her journey of illness and recovery in this inspiring guide to living your life to the fullest. In *I Will Not Die an Unlived Life*, Dawna Markova recounts her incredible journey from being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness to finding deeper meaning in her life. Along

the way, she guides readers toward discovering their own sense of value and purpose. When we feel lost, Markova points out, we can either continue to live habitual lives and resign our strength—or we can choose to follow our passions. Many of us have times of feeling stagnant and sapped of energy. Rather than judging these moments negatively, Dr. Markova reframes them as periods of rest for our passions. In doing so, she challenges us to slow down and stay in touch with ourselves. Poetic and inspiring, *I Will Not Die an Unlived Life* is a powerful reminder that it is never too late to live your life.

[We Do Not Die Alone](#)  
Moody Publishers  
Revised edition of the best-selling memoir that has been read by over a million people worldwide with translations in 29 languages. After too many years of unfulfilling work, Bronnie Ware began searching for a job with heart. Despite having no formal qualifications or previous experience in the field, she found herself working in palliative care. During the time she spent tending to those who were dying, Bronnie's life was transformed. Later,

she wrote an Internet blog post, outlining the most common regrets that the people she had cared for had expressed. The post gained so much momentum that it was viewed by more than three million readers worldwide in its first year. At the request of many, Bronnie subsequently wrote a book, *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*, to share her story.

Bronnie has had a colourful and diverse life. By applying the lessons of those nearing their death to her own life, she developed an understanding that it is possible for everyone, if we make the right choices, to die with peace of mind. In this revised edition of the best-selling memoir that has been read by over a million people worldwide, with

translations in 29 languages, Bronnie expresses how significant these regrets are and how we can positively address these issues while we still have the time. *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying* gives hope for a better world. It is a courageous, life-changing book that will leave you feeling more compassionate and inspired to live the life you are truly here to live.

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