

Pleasant Lines By Rick Lindholtz

Explains how to make contacts, find job openings, handle interviews, negotiate contracts, improve resumes and plan career goals

Pleasant Lines is the story of families who journeyed from the British Isles, Europe, and Scandinavia to begin a new life in the new world of North America. It is a story of courage and sacrifice. It is a story of the love, and the inspiring faith, that was a foundation for those families and for so many others like them. Pleasant Lines is divided into two sections. Book One recounts the remarkable stories that interface with the events of America's founding and earliest years, all the way through World War II and the early 1960s. Book Two resets the clock in order to focus on two young people who found one another, and at about the same time, found faith. In their way of loving, living, and even dying, they left an inspiring witness.

Pulitzer Prize–winning novelist Marilynne Robinson is one of the most eminent public intellectuals in America today, and her writing offers probing meditations on the Christian faith. Based on the 2018 Wheaton Theology Conference, this volume brings together the thoughts of leading theologians, historians, literary scholars, and church leaders who engaged in theological dialogue with Robinson's work—and with the author herself.

When disasters happen, people turn to local churches as centers for response and assistance. When floods or tornadoes devastate an area, or when shootings and violence shock a community, knowing what to do can be the difference between calm and chaos, courage and fear, life and death. But few churches plan in advance for what they should do— until the storm hits. Don't get caught unprepared. If a natural disaster or human tragedy strikes your community, your church can minister to the hurting.

Jamie Aten and David Boan, codirectors of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute, provide a practical guide for disaster preparedness. Disaster ministry is a critically important work of the church, preparing for the unthinkable, providing relief to survivors, caring for the vulnerable and helping communities recover. Filled with resources for emergency planning and crisis management, this book provides best practices for local congregations. By taking action in advance, your church can help prevent harm and save lives during a disaster. The time to plan is now. Be prepared.

Wim Decock collects contributions by internationally renowned experts in law, history and religion on the impact of the Reformations on law, jurisprudence and moral theology. The overall impression conveyed by the essays is that on the level of substantive doctrine (the legal teachings) there seems to be more continuity between Protestant and Catholic, or, for that matter, between medieval and early modern jurisprudence and theology than usually expected. As it is illustrated with regards to topics ranging from just war doctrine over business ethics to marriage law, at the very least there appears to have been an on-going conversation between jurists and theologians across the confessional divide. This does not prevent some contributions from highlighting that on the institutional level, for instance in university politics, radical tensions between Reformers and Counter-Reformers played a paramount role. This book also offers approaches to the relationship between Church(es) and State(s) in the early modern period and to the practical as well as doctrinal use of natural law in both Protestant and Catholic lands.

Being a faithful disciple of Christ means having seasoned speech: practicing a rhetoric that beneficially and persuasively imparts the surprising truth of the gospel. James Beitler seeks to renew interest in and hunger for an effective Christian rhetoric by closely considering the work of five beloved Christian communicators: C. S. Lewis, Dorothy L. Sayers, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Desmond Tutu, and Marilynne Robinson. Berkeley Optometry-A History offers a lively and revealing exploration into the origins and evolution of the School of Optometry at the University of California, Berkeley. The early years of struggle for the profession of optometry and the school are discussed in fascinating detail, including a remarkable sixteen-year campaign to establish a curriculum in optometry at Berkeley. Legislative battles and conflicts with ophthalmology are also presented. Later years include profiles of Berkeley Optometry's faculty and alumni who have enviable records of accomplishment in clinical training and professional service, and equally impressive achievements in research. Much of the history is told in the words of those who lived it, through correspondence and published materials, from the late nineteenth century to the modern period, as well as quotations from recorded interviews in recent years.

"My kingdom is not of this world." Followers of Jesus have been struggling to understand these words ever since he first uttered them—often in sharply contradictory ways. Today the inescapably political nature of Christian witness is widely recognized. But what is the shape of this witness? What should Christian political engagement look like today? The twelve essays in this volume, originally presented at the 2013 Wheaton Theology Conference, present biblical, historical and theological proposals for thinking responsibly about the intersection of church and state in the contemporary cultural situation. Prophetic and pastoral, this book offers a fresh look at a crucial and contested dimension of the Christian life. Contributors include: Stanley Hauerwas Mark Noll Scot McKnight Timothy G. Gombis George Kalantzis Jana Marguerite Bennett William T. Cavanaugh Peter J. Leithart Daniel M. Bell Jr. Jennifer M. McBride David P. Gushee Bishop David Gitari

The Mission of God Study Bible encourages followers of Jesus Christ to see their everyday life from God's perspective and have His heart for people. It's a reminder that we live around people in desperate need of redemption and reconciliation with God, which can only be found in Jesus. The mission of God has never been just for specialists; it is for all believers to live out through their daily lives and by sharing the good news of what God has done through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus. Wherever you are, you are on mission. In The Mission of God Study Bible, readers will hear through more than 150 additional writings from today's top thinkers, theologians, and leading voices in the church about what it means to live in the mission of God. Essay contributors include Matt Chandler, Tullian Tchividjian, Ed Stetzer, Linda Bergquist, Dave Ferguson, Christopher J.H. Wright, Matthew Barnett, and many others. Readers will also discover "Letters to the Church" from elder statesmen that speak to the grand narrative of God's mission in Scripture. These words from Billy Graham, Jack Hayford, Erwin Lutzer, Calvin Miller, and R.C. Sproul will inspire you to live God's mission daily.

A portrait of the German pastor-theologian draws on new research to cover the 1930 visit to America that shaped his perspectives on faith and moral responsibility, his achievements as an anti-Nazi activist and the plot against Hitler that would result in his

execution. 35,000 first printing.

Now available in paperback -- "Bentez's third novel seamlessly blends fact with imagination, evoking the trauma of war more vividly than any newspaper account . . . beautifully illuminating." (Publishers Weekly starred review) Sandra Bentez received international acclaim for her first two novels: *A Place Where the Sea Remembers* ("A quietly stunning work that leaves soft tracks in the heart" --Washington Post Book World) and *Bitter Grounds* ("The kind of book that fills your dreams for weeks" --Isabel Allende). Now she returns with an unforgettable tale of life in war-torn El Salvador.

In *Keys to Bonhoeffer's Haus*, Laura M. Fabrycky, an American guide of the Bonhoeffer-Haus in Berlin, takes readers on a tour of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's home, city, and world. She shares the keys she has discovered there--the many sources of Bonhoeffer's identity, his practices of Scripture meditation and prayer, his willingness to cross boundaries and befriend people all around the world--that have unlocked her understanding of her own life and responsibilities in light of Bonhoeffer's wisdom. *Keys to Bonhoeffer's Haus* tells his story in new ways and invites us to think beyond him into our own lives and civic responsibilities. Fabrycky shows readers how to consider what befriending Bonhoeffer might mean for us and the ways we live our lives today. Ultimately, through her transformative tour of Bonhoeffer's Berlin, she inspires readers to discover and embrace responsible forms of civic agency and loving, sacrificial action on behalf of our neighbors.

Jesus Christ is involved with the details of my life. His supernatural, life-changing miracles transform me into His servant, His friend, His bride.

"I want the chance to fight for this - for us." MCKENNA He was the one I wanted for as long as I could remember. Wild. Dangerous. Sex on legs. And completely off limits - until he wasn't. My brother's best friend took my first kiss, my virginity, my heart. He took it all until I had nothing left. Then, he shattered me into a million pieces. Thank God for college. It was my ticket out of the small town and everything that reminded me of him. Unfortunately, you can only stay away so long and it seems four years is my limit. I'm moving back to start a life with my new fiancé. The only thing I need to do is simple... Keep my attention on the engagement and off my ex. COLTON Ever since I was ten, she followed me around like a lost little puppy. Adorable. Sweet. Lovable. Then she grew up. Adorable turned to Gorgeous. Sweet turned to Sassy. Lovable turned to Irresistible. I did my best to stay away - until I couldn't. A wild and heated summer with my best friend's little sister was the most amazing time of my life. Then, like I do with everything else, I screwed it all up. After four years of being completely unreachable to me, she's finally home again. The only problem is she's engaged to someone else. Regardless, I've worked hard to make myself successful and I'm a man of means. I now have a new mission... Get her back in my arms where she belongs. Returning to Rockport is brother's best friend, love triangle, second chance, standalone romance set in a small town. McKenna struggles with

choosing between the one she wants and the one she knows is a safe bet. Immerse yourself in this love story today! Warning: This book contains a love triangle, a tormented heroine, cheating/infidelity, and a whole lot of angst. It may not be suitable for all readers.

What would Death say if he could speak? What secrets does Death hide? Is Death a concept or an entity? Decide for yourself, as Constante P. Firme III tries to broaden our perspective of Death, in literary form. *Death's Memoirs* is the story of a man who befriends Death, and now has to announce its national debut. The man quickly becomes Death's living journal, for all its cheers, protests, and misery. "Death is green with jealousy about his brother, Life. Then again, who wouldn't be? Life makes babies, helps heal the diseased, and keeps our Earth functioning. Everyone loves life." Take a deep, long look into the consciousness of Death. Are the verses simply imagination of a crazed poet, or the figurative speech of a mysterious being? Is there more to the words than letters and spaces? Read on, and see if you can find the answers.

Saints were not simply superstar Christians with otherworldly piety. When we take a closer look at the lives of these spiritual heavyweights, we learn that they're not all that different from you and me. With humor and vulnerability, Karen Marsh introduces us afresh to twenty-five brothers and sisters who challenge and inspire us with their honest faith.

Investigates and compares the basic structures of Matthew's and Paul's ethics.

In May 2004 prominent philosopher, author, and professor J. P. Moreland awoke in the middle of the night to a severe panic attack. Though often anxious by temperament and upbringing, Moreland had never experienced such an incident before. Thus began an extended battle with debilitating anxiety and depression. More than a decade later, Moreland continues to manage mental illness. Yet along the way he's moved from shame and despair to vulnerability and hope. In *Finding Quiet* Moreland comes alongside fellow sufferers with encouragement and practical, hard-won advice. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, nearly 20 percent of Americans suffer from mental illness, and people in the pews are not immune. Moreland explores the spiritual and physical aspects of mental illness, pointing readers toward sound sources of information, treatment, and recovery. Bracing and honest, *Finding Quiet* will validate the experiences of believers with mental illness, remind them they are not alone, and provide reassurance that they can not only survive but thrive again.

"A boy learns about God's great, never-ending love from looking at the ocean, mountains, and sky"--

"Noah Toly offers an interpretation of environmental politics that draws upon Christian theological insights into the tragic - the need to forego, give up, undermine, or destroy one or more goods in order to possess or secure one or more other goods. Toly engages Christian and classical Greek ideas of the tragic nature of the human, which arises from humanity's great powers of thought and technological mastery combined with a greater capacity to err than that of other species, in responding to intractable or 'wicked' problems of environmental politics. He suggests that Christians have unique symbolic resources - including the cruciform identity of Christ/the Church - to enable societies to exercise power over the environment responsibly while acknowledging the need for mutually agreed, and ultimately normative, legal, restraints"--

One hundred years ago on April 28, 1917, 25-year old Thomas D. Lindholtz enlisted in the US Army for service in World War I. The War had begun in Europe in 1914, but America did not enter the conflict until 1917. During his 13 months of service he wrote

over 60 letters home to his parents and sister. Those letters, which provide a window back in time to life in America, the Army, and a particular family, are set in the context of what was going on in the world and in American society at the time. Then, as now, when a soldier leaves home his family's life doesn't stop. Now, a GI in the Middle East can Facetime with his family at home to deal with issues or express his love. In WWI the soldier had to use a slow, trans-Atlantic mail system by ship. But it turns out that the experience of a soldier 100 years ago informs our understanding of soldiers today. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the most influential Christian martyrs in history, bequeathed to humanity a legacy of theological creativity and spirituality that continues to intrigue people from a variety of backgrounds. Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, a sixteen volume series, offers a fresh, critical translation of Bonhoeffer's writings, with introductions, annotations, and interpretations. The stimulus for the writing of Life Together was the closing of the preacher's seminary at Finkenwalde. The treatise contains Bonhoeffer's thoughts about the nature of Christian community based on the common life that he and his seminarians experienced at the seminary and in the "Brother's House" there. Bonhoeffer completed the writing of Life Together in 1938. Prayerbook of the Bible is a classic of Christian spirituality. In this theological interpretation of the Psalms, Bonhoeffer describes the moods of an individual's relationship with God and also the turns of love and heartbreak, of joy and sorrow, that are themselves the Christian community's path to God.

An Anthology of Advent readings, collected from the works of 22 classic and contemporary theologians with a high view of Scripture, it will help in preparing your heart to honor the sacredness of each Christmas season.

The Gay Agenda: It's Dividing the Family, the Church, and a Nation is a bold defense of traditional marriage and the authority of Scripture relating to these controversial issues both in the Church and in families across the nation. As same-sex "unions" and court challenges to the bans on these unions sweep the country, reasoned voices from the Church are needed. Now, one has emerged to expose the agenda that the homosexual lobby is trying to impose on society. Can we still love people in this lifestyle, but hate the sin? Does the Bible say anything about gay clergy? What impact is this agenda having on the traditional American family? What impact will this agenda have on our nation? What about activist judges and the proposed marriage amendment? Dr. Ronnie W. Floyd tackles the problems confronting the traditional family with this issue - in schools, the workplace, the church, and even within your home. Revealing the progress the gay agenda has already made, Dr. Floyd also examines the legal background and challenges dominating media reports almost daily. Floyd highlights why Christians need to be aware of this issue and its assault upon the faith, as well as showing from Scripture that the homosexual lifestyle is definitely at odds with God's plan for the family. With a balanced, methodical, and loving manner, Floyd issues an urgent call to pastors, parents, and educators: passive response won't work - only prayer and engagement with the issues will be effective.

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