

The Wait Devon Franklin

Your Time is Precious...Let No Man Waste It. • Do You Fight Thoughts of Suspicion or Distrust in Your Relationship? • Is There a Huge Disconnect Between His Actions & His Words? • Do You Wonder Why He Says One Thing and Does the Total Opposite? • Need Answers to Your Relationship Questions that You Can Trust? He's Lying Sis exposes some of the most deceptive games men play when dating and even while in relationships. This dating book will allow women to connect the dots between a man's actions and his words. Stop guessing. Get the answers you need to make the decision on moving forward in love or find out if you need to dodge the bait and cut the cords of deception for good. In the first volume of an ongoing series, Stephan Speaks shows single women how to identify and avoid the traps men set that often lead to hurt and heartbreak. Stephan's dating advice will help you stay free from the drama any lies a man might be telling you, will eventually produce. You deserve to know the truth behind the lies and why men lie in the first place. Enough is enough. Knowing the truth will empower you to live out your best life.

Don't let your past keep you from a full future. Like every girl, Sarah Jakes dreamed of a life full of love, laughter, and happy endings. But her dreams changed dramatically when she became pregnant at age thirteen, a reality only compounded by the fact that her father, Bishop T.D. Jakes, was one of the most influential megachurch pastors in the nation. As a teen mom and a high-profile preacher's kid, her road was lonely. She was shunned at school, gossiped about at church. And a few years later, when a fairy-tale marriage ended in a spiral of hurt and rejection, she could have let her pain dictate her future. Instead, she found herself surrounded by a God she'd given up on, crashing headlong with Him into a destiny she'd never dreamed of. Sarah's captivating story, unflinchingly honest and deeply vulnerable, is a vivid reminder that God can turn even the deepest pain into His perfection. More than a memoir, *Lost and Found* offers hope and encouragement. Perhaps you, like Sarah, find yourself wandering the detours of life. Regardless of how lost you feel, you, too, can be found.

Henson writes of her family, the one she was born into and the one she created. She shares stories of family, friends, the hustle required to make it from DC to Hollywood, and the joy of living in your own truth. Here she also opens up about her experiences as a single mother, a journey some saw as a burden but which she saw as a gift. With humor and candor, Henson shows us that behind the red carpet moments, she is just a girl in pursuit of her dreams.

The bestselling author returns with his biggest book yet in which he teaches us the secret to living a happier life: get rid of as many expectations as possible—of ourselves, our future, our relationships, our career and our family. Expectations are the secret software, running on the hardware of our minds, controlling our emotions, decisions, and actions. How? Think about your life. How much of the

sadness you feel derives from what you think should have happened—than with what actually happened? Think about your career. How much of the discontent you feel comes from your belief about where you'd be at this point—than with the progress you've actually made? Think about your relationships. How much of your dissatisfaction with friends, family, significant others, or spouses has to do with your unspoken presumptions—than with the people themselves? Having so many expectations is distorting your perspective, decreasing your happiness and disrupting your joy. You can live a life of true freedom, greater peace and less stress: release as many expectations as possible. This, DeVon Franklin argues, is the secret to a better life now. In a culture obsessed with more, *Live Free* is a bold counterintuitive book that can start a cultural revolution, Franklin contends. Everyone struggles with unnecessary expectations. But once you learn to let go of them, you can set the stage for the life you've always wanted.

"The ethics in a world of blood are gray--and an underground strata of blood magicians has been engineering disasters for centuries in order to acquire enough fuel for their spells. They are not good people. Some practitioners, however, use the Words and a swipe of the blade to cast simpler spells, such as Charms and Cantrips to gas up one dollar bills so they appear to be twenty dollar bills. Lem Vonnegan and his sidekick Mags fall into this level of mage, hustlers and con men all. Lem tries to be ethical by using only his own blood, by not using Bleeders or "volunteers." But it makes life hard. Soon they might have to get honest work. When the pair encounters a girl who's been kidnapped and marked up with magic runes for a ritual spell, it's clear they're in over their heads. Turning to Lem's estranged master for help, they are told that not only is the girl's life all but forfeit, but that the world's preeminent mage, Mika Renar, has earth-shattering plans for her-- and Lem just got in the way. With the fate of the world on the line, and Lem both spooked and intrigued by the mysterious girl, the other nominates him to become the huckleberry who'll take down Renar. But even if he, Mags, and the simpletons who follow him prevail, they're dealing with the kind of power that doesn't understand defeat, or mercy."--Amazon.com

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This new collection from million-copy-plus national best-selling author T.D. Jakes contains his original three best sellers in one book. *Woman, Thou Art Loosed!*: This revolutionary book has brought healing and freedom to thousands of hurting women. For the single parent and the battered wife, for the abused girl and the insecure woman, the soothing balm of Jakes' teachings is a cure for all manner of traumas, tragedies, and disappointments. *Can You Stand to be Blessed?*: The heart of every believer holds the desire to fulfill their destiny in God. Yet the road to success is full of twists and turns and obstacles. Jakes shows believers how to survive the peaks and valleys by unlocking the inner strength to go on in God. *Naked and Not Ashamed*: Churches are filled with believers who have carefully hidden their struggles, afraid to reveal what God longs to heal. This book is a call to be real -- to be honest before God and man, to strip away all layers of superficiality and pretendings. Prepare to be challenged as you've never been challenged before.

Dating. Isn't there a better way? Reorder your romantic life in the light of God's word and find more fulfillment than the dating game could ever give - a life of purposeful singleness.

Considering Jesus's relational model for choosing the twelve disciples, *Relational Intelligence* will walk you through how to assess your relationships, define them, discern them, align them, and finally activate your relationships to unlock your greatest potential. Years of ministry leadership experience and personal experience have convinced Dr. Dharius Daniels: there's no such thing as a casual relationship. All relationships are catalytic - either pushing us forward into our God-given purposes or holding us back. Our spiritual, physical, financial, emotional, and professional progress is greatly impacted by who we allow to be a part of our lives and what part we allow them to play. With our destiny on the line, relationships are too consequential to nonchalantly roll the dice in managing them. *Relational Intelligence* is your action plan for getting smart about your purpose partners. Relationships were God's idea, writes Daniels, and when we understand and apply what God has to say about them we end up avoiding unnecessary relational turmoil, advancing in all areas of our life, and accomplishing our God-given purpose. When your purpose is on the line, the cost of relational unintelligence is too great to pay. In this book, you will explore and learn how to activate the relational intelligence you need for the life of purpose you want.

From actresses Tia and Tamera Mowry comes the second book in their delightful *Twintuition* series about the superspecial—and sometimes supernatural—bond between sisters! In *Double Trouble*, identical twins Cassie and Caitlyn Waters have adjusted to small-town life in Aura, Texas, but they're still not used to seeing visions of the future. And their *Sight* is only getting stronger as their twelfth birthday nears! But even with this

new gift, neither girl could have predicted what the mysterious package they received would contain—a connection to the father they know nothing about and the grandmother they never knew they had. As the twins struggle to discover more about their own history, they distract themselves by planning a birthday bash with their new friends. But when the visions of the upcoming party show it will be more of a catastrophe than a celebration, the girls work together to keep it fiasco-free. Tia Mowry-Hardict and Tamera Mowry-Housley gained initial fame on the '90s sitcom *Sister, Sister*. Tia can now be seen starring in and producing the Nickelodeon series *Instant Mom* and on the Cooking Channel's show *Tia Mowry at Home*. Tamera is a host and producer on the hit daytime talk show *The Real*, currently airing on FOX. Together they've created a magical series about twin sisters with a powerful gift and an even stronger connection.

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DeVon Franklin, New York Times bestselling author of *The Wait* and prominent Hollywood producer, reveals that secular and spiritual success are not opposites. To

have one, you need the other. You can be wildly successful without losing your faith. In fact, your secular success will strengthen your faith if you allow it. Too often we believe that success in secular environments contradicts the core principles of faith, but the opposite is true: Your faith was designed to thrive in the secular world and to transform it as a result. You may never experience the true fulfillment you were created for until you pursue the secular ambitions in your heart. New York Times bestselling author DeVon Franklin knows this to be true. In *The Hollywood Commandments*, the prominent Hollywood producer and spiritual success coach reveals 10 life-changing lessons picked-up from his over-twenty-year career in the entertainment business. You won't learn these lessons in the church yet they will help you achieve an amazing life and thriving career that glorifies God. *The Hollywood Commandments* will help you: Identify how to use what makes you unique to propel your career. Overcome fear and build the courage to pursue new opportunities waiting for you. Gain the confidence to make important life decisions with greater peace and clarity. Negotiate the life and career advancement you deserve. No, you don't have to work in Hollywood for this book to work for you, these "commandments" apply to every walk of life! If you are stuck, looking for the secrets to advance your career, or have a feeling there's more to life, this book is for you.

DON'T KISS DATING GOODBYE! There is a much better way! Dr. Myles Munroe is an internationally acclaimed teacher and conference speaker with several best-selling books to his credit. In *Waiting and Dating*, Dr. Munroe offers a balanced, biblical view for every believer who wants a prosperous and fulfilling marriage relationship. He offers some of the best advice you will ever find on the subject of finding the one with whom you will spend the rest of your life. In *Waiting and Dating*, you will learn: • The importance of sharing your faith in God. • The need for personal wholeness. • The importance of true friendship in a relationship. • The myths of finding the right person. • How to discern the right mate. • Much, much more! The principles in this book will guide you through what for some is the most confusing time of your life. For anyone looking for that special someone with whom to share their life, this book is essential, fun, and full of hope!

Popular speaker and author Sarah Jakes Roberts shows women they are not disqualified by their pain and failures and offers encouragement and strength to believe God's best is still possible. Everyone has experiences in their lives that stop them in their tracks and become burdens they carry with them everywhere they go. No one knows this better than Sarah Jakes Roberts. Pregnant at fourteen, married by nineteen, divorced by twenty-two, and all while under the intense spotlight of being Bishop T.D. Jakes's daughter, Sarah knows what it is to feel buried by failure and aching pain. But when her journey brought her to faith's fork in the road, Sarah found she had to choose between staying in the comfort of the pain she knew or daring to make new wounds and move forward. Now Sarah shares the numerous life lessons she's learned along the way with other women also struggling to believe they're not disqualified by their pain and past mistakes. She delves into topics such as allowing the past to empower the present, choosing to step forward while still being afraid, facing struggles surrounded by community, finding intimacy with God outside preconceived notions of what it has to look like, and learning to focus on others. With deeply personal stories of her own, Sarah helps readers find their way to the right perspective and the confidence

to walk toward the best God has for them.

When it comes to the ethnic divisions in our world, we speak often of seeking racial reconciliation. But at no point have all the different ethnicities on Earth been reconciled. Animosity, distrust, and hostility among people from various ethnicities have always existed in American history. Even in the church, we have often built walls--ethnic segregation, classism, sexism, and theological tribes--to divide God's people from each other. But it shouldn't be this way. God's people are the only people on earth who have experienced true reconciliation. Who better to enter into the ethnic tensions of our day with the hope of Jesus? In *Intensional*, pastor D. A. Horton steps into the tension to offer vision and practical guidance for Christians longing to embrace our Kingdom ethnicity, combating the hatred in our culture with the hope of Jesus Christ.

The New York Times bestselling author of *The Wait* and "spiritual teacher for our times" (Oprah Winfrey) frankly and openly explores why men behave the way they do and what everyone—men and women alike—need to know about it. We hear it all the time. Men cheat. Men love power. Men love sex. Men are greedy. Men are dogs. But is this really the truth about men? In this groundbreaking book, DeVon Franklin dishes the real truth by making the compelling case that men aren't dogs but all men share the same struggle. He provides the manual for how men can change, both on a personal and a societal level by providing practical solutions for helping men learn how to resist temptation, how to practice self-control, and how to love. But *The Truth About Men* isn't just for men. DeVon tells female readers everything they need to know about men. He offers women a real-time understanding of how men's struggles affect them, insights that can help them navigate their relationships with men and information on how to heal from the damage that some misbehaving men may have inflicted. This book is a raw, informative, and accessible look at an issue that threatens to tear our society apart yet it offers a positive way forward for men and women alike.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown... Have you ever witnessed a Lady? Not a woman, but a Lady. She's a girl by birth, woman by maturity and Lady by choice. Do you remember how the sight of a Lady made you feel? Did she smile at you? Could you feel her warmth? Do you remember her scent of comfort and truth? Can you recall how difficult it was explaining what you witnessed when she strolled by? Her high heels were music; her stride was a song. She walked in greatness influencing nations with each step. Do you remember your first time? Well, when was the last time you saw her? Her story isn't being told. Her legacy is being watered down, and society is taking notes. She's much more than a victim with hips. This story isn't one of those "how to get a man" books or "he thinks he's right because he's a man" books. This took time. This is an etiquette book for women, written by a man—a crazy man, crazy over you and crazy enough to write for and about you. This is a State of Emergency!

GENTLEWOMAN sets out to explore the demise of femininity and class in contemporary society. Unlike any other book, the author along with Hill Harper, Meagan Good, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Michelle Williams & more share insight to inform, educate and empower womanhood. It's fresh, fun and sexy

uncommon sense advice designed to facilitate a necessary conversation amongst the sexes that leads to real solutions. Oh, and a man wrote it! "From selecting wines to selecting a mate, I am re-branding etiquette. Making manners beautiful, again." -E.B. II CLASS is back in session! *GENTLEWOMAN is the #1 bestselling Etiquette Advice Guide on Amazon. Oprah Winfrey and The First Family are proud owners.

Relationship Goals gave readers access to biblical wisdom applied with power and precision to all the trappings of modern romance. With uncommon transparency, through storytelling, and with consistent scriptural teaching, Michael Todd helped readers maximize their relationships and develop the necessary aim to reach their goals. Now, in the Relationship Goals Challenge, Todd develops that message in practical, inspiring daily readings, with fresh steps and insights. This resource is ideal for individuals or couples who want to take their relationship to a deeper level with a practical, daily, step-by-step action plan.

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DATE SMARTER, MAKE BETTER DECISIONS IN LOVE, AND ACHIEVE THE RELATIONSHIP YOU DESERVE... IT ALL STARTS WITH NOT SETTLING! By day, Faith Jenkins is the host of the nationally syndicated TV show Divorce Court; by night, she's a happily married newlywed who navigated these dating streets for years before learning how to attract the love of her dreams. When she turned 35 without a wedding ring in sight, like most women, she started getting tons of questions about not being married. But she made a decision: I. Will. Not. Settle. As an attorney and arbitrator, Faith has presided over hundreds of cases, and has helped couples avoid and resolve a wealth of drama. And she's seen it

all! In *Sis, Don't Settle*, she's gathered an arsenal of love, wisdom and advice for women on how to play it smart. Modern culture would have women believe they can't have it all—and be smart, successful, strong women with authentic love to boot. Wrong. Told in her signature style—sometimes salty and sometimes sweet—Faith provides real solutions that will teach you how to thrive in relationships while avoiding common missteps and pitfalls. She delivers it straight, with no chaser, to show us how to level up, and reminds you that how you live single will set the tone for your success in relationships. Smart, illuminating, and, often laugh-out-loud funny, *Sis, Don't Settle* is the essential playbook that will help you build your confidence, generate better results in love, and land a high-value relationship once and for all. You'll find tips on topics like: Strong Independent Women...and the Men Who Love Them What's Worse than a Bad Relationship? Overextending Your Stay in One Becoming the Right Person to Attract the Right Person How to Release Trash Subconscious Beliefs that Keep You Settling And much more! Whether you're single, divorced, or in a situationship, *Sis, Don't Settle* reveals the direction and guidance you need to navigate love and take back your power.

STRAIGHT FROM HOLLYWOOD comes a dynamic business model for building a thriving career without compromising your faith. DeVon Franklin, vice president of production for Columbia Pictures, shares how being bold about his Christian faith while being driven and ambitious has actually helped him to excel in a high-profile, fast-paced, competitive industry. You are the movie. Produced by Faith parallels each step of the Hollywood filmmaking process with the faith-making process God uses to turn your career into a success. You will discover that it is possible to be both wildly successful and completely committed to God—and that you will be even more successful when you place your faith at the center of your career. You can unleash the power of your faith as your greatest professional advantage and use the compass of God's Word to guide you to your true passion and purpose in life. In this informative, inspiring book, DeVon reveals the secrets to maintaining your faith while advancing in your career. Here he shows you:

- How to discover The Big Idea for your life
- How to take your career to the next level
- How to recognize the signs God sends you that indicate when it's time to move in a new direction
- How to stand firm on your Christian principles without compromise
- How to work with people who don't understand your beliefs
- How to choose a profession, industry, or company that is in tune with your purpose

DeVon says, "I know from my own experiences that if you will put your career in God's hands and trust him, you can't account for all the ways he will bless you. When you step out in faith, he will open doors and bring you opportunities that will surpass even your wildest expectations. . . . If I have learned anything, it's this: to get where you want to go, you first have to become the person God wants you to be."

The authors discuss the circumstances that brought them together and their decision to abstain from sex until marriage.

This is a Summary of DeVon Franklin and Meagan Good's *THE WAIT: A Powerful Practice for Finding the Love of Your Life*. Hollywood power couple DeVon Franklin and Meagan Good candidly share about their courtship and marriage, and the key to their success—waiting. President/CEO of Franklin Entertainment and former Sony Pictures executive DeVon Franklin and award-winning actress Meagan Good have learned sometimes all we can do is wait for "the one" to come into our lives. They spent years crossing paths but it wasn't until they were thrown together while working on the film *Jumping the Broom* that their storybook romance began. Faced with starting a new relationship and wanting to avoid potentially devastating relationship pitfalls, DeVon and Meagan chose to do something almost unheard of in today's society—abstain from sex until they were married. In *The Wait*, DeVon and Meagan share the life-changing message that waiting—rather than rushing a relationship—can help you find the person you're meant to be with. Filled with candid his-and-hers accounts of the most important moments of their relationship, and practical advice on how waiting for everything—from dating to sex—can transform relationships, allowing you to find a deep connection based on patience, trust, and faith. Available in a variety of formats, this Summary is aimed for those who want to capture the gist of the book but don't have the current time to devour all 272 pages. You get the main summary along with all of the benefits and lessons the actual book has to offer. This is a summary that is not intended to be used without reference to the original book.

For two hundred years a noble Venetian family has suffered from an inherited disease that strikes their members in middle age, stealing their sleep, eating holes in their brains, and ending their lives in a matter of months. In Papua New Guinea, a primitive tribe is nearly obliterated by a sickness whose chief symptom is uncontrollable laughter. Across Europe, millions of sheep rub their fleeces raw before collapsing. In England, cows attack their owners in the milking parlors, while in the American West, thousands of deer starve to death in fields full of grass. What these strange conditions—including fatal familial insomnia, kuru, scrapie, and mad cow disease—share is their cause: prions. Prions are ordinary proteins that sometimes go wrong, resulting in neurological illnesses that are always fatal. Even more mysterious and frightening, prions are almost impossible to destroy because they are not alive and have no DNA—and the diseases they bring are now spreading around the world. In *The Family That Couldn't Sleep*, essayist and journalist D. T. Max tells the spellbinding story of the prion's hidden past and deadly future. Through exclusive interviews and original archival research, Max explains this story's connection to human greed and ambition—from the Prussian chemist Justus von Liebig, who made cattle meatier by feeding them the flesh of other cows, to New Guinean natives whose custom of eating the brains of the dead nearly wiped them out. The biologists who have investigated these afflictions are just as extraordinary—for example, Daniel Carleton Gajdusek, a self-described "pedagogic pedophile pediatrician" who cracked kuru and won the Nobel Prize, and another Nobel winner, Stanley Prusiner, a driven, feared self-promoter who identified the key protein that revolutionized prion study. With remarkable precision, grace, and sympathy, Max—who himself suffers from an inherited neurological illness—explores maladies that have tormented humanity for centuries and gives reason to hope that someday cures will be found. And he eloquently demonstrates that in our relationship to nature and these ailments, we have been our own worst enemy.

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“It’s a challenge to create transformative moments with books, but [Masson] does it.”—Susan Salter Reynolds, *Los Angeles Times* In this revelatory work, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson shows how food affects our moral selves, our health, and our planet. Masson investigates how denial keeps us from recognizing the animal at the end of our fork and urges readers to consciously make decisions about food.

Corporately-backed media has set up members of the Hollywood A-list as modern-day gods, molding everything from the values of society, to the sexual behaviors of an entire generation, and contributing to the erosion of the moral fiber of a nation. But a cultural shift is happening. A new army of A-listers, with the "A" representing abstinence, is arising and standing up for sexual purity, in a sex-crazed culture. In *The New A-list*, author Dianna Hobbs highlights and mobilizes a new crop of leaders, who are determined to lift the taboo off abstinence and virginity. Through research, biblical and practical principles, and personal stories, readers will discover how to effectively counter immoral culture, become positive change agents, and personally adopt a successful lifestyle of purity.

Love is the surprising emotion that company builders cannot afford to ignore. Genuine, heartfelt devotion and loyalty from customers — yes, love — is what propels a select few companies ahead. Think about the products and companies that you really care about and how they make you feel. You do not merely like those products, you adore them. Consider your own emotions and a key insight is revealed: Love is central to business. Nobody talks about it, but it is obvious in hindsight. *Lovability: How to Build a Business That People Love and Be Happy Doing It* shares what Silicon Valley-based author and Aha! CEO Brian de Haaff knows from a career of founding successful technology companies and creating award-winning products. He reveals the secret to the phenomenal growth of Aha! and the engine that powers lasting customer devotion — a set of principles that he pioneered and named *The Responsive Method*. *Lovability* provides valuable lessons and actionable steps for product and company builders everywhere, including:

- Why you should rethink everything you know about building a business
- What a product really is
- The magic of finding what your customers truly desire
- How to turn business strategy and product roadmaps into customer love
- Why you should chase company value, not valuation
- Surveys to measure your company’s lovability

Brian de Haaff has spent the last 20 years focused on business strategy, product management, and bringing disruptive technologies to market. And in preparation for writing this book, he interviewed well-known startup founders, product managers, executives, and CEOs at hundreds of name brand and agile organizations. Their experiences, along with headline-grabbing case studies (both inspiring successes and cautionary tales), will help readers discover how to build something that matters. Much has been written about how entrepreneurs build innovative products and successful businesses, but the author’s message is original and

refreshing. He convincingly explains that there is a better path forward — a people-first way grounded in love. In a business world that has increasingly emphasized hype over substance and get-big-at-any-cost thinking over profitable and sustainable growth, it's time for a new recipe for company success. ?Insightful, thought-provoking, and sometimes controversial, Lovability is the book that you turn to when you know there has to be a better way.

Three twentysomething guys who transitioned from collegiate underachieving to corporate bottom feeding sketch out a plan to make a grab for some dignity. They will rob the publishing house that employs their only stable member and insults him on a daily basis. Being the bright, perceptive fellows they are, they all quickly realize it isn't about the money. For Phil "Dub" Dublen, it's a pissed off statement against a dull, meaningless job. For self-styled poet Trim, it's a chance to actually be as outrageous and anarchic as he needs to be. For Trim's roommate Dan, it seems to be something he does for the same reason he does everything: to vent some anger, having nothing to do. By the time their master plan is all said and done, nothing has been solved, nothing is better, and nothing, really, has changed. And in the slightly fractured wisdom of the larcenous trio, this surprises none of them.

'A gripping, poetic, vivid and deeply entertaining memoir.' – Niq Mhlongo, author 'The courage of conviction Mashaba displays is something to behold.' – Vuyo Mvoko, journalist They say a mirror never lies. If that's the truth, then my reflection was of a broken man. When Tumiso Mashaba's father, Neo 'Snowy' Mashaba, dies at 55, it provokes in him an intense emotional reaction. Tumiso is stunned by his response, as his father was a distant and often hard man. In the aftermath, he reflects on what this means to him now as a husband and father to his own children. Will he repeat the sins of his father? Recounting his childhood, the author digs deep into his psychology, providing a deeply satisfying read with moments of intense anguish and catharsis. A Father is Born is about intangible scars – inflicted by those closest to us – that we carry from childhood into the rest of our lives and the relationships we form along the way. Covering themes of fatherhood, masculinity, generational trauma, abuse and mental health, A Father is Born unveils a heartrending portrait of a family trying to survive against the backdrop of a gritty, modern South Africa.

God loves to give people fresh starts. He wants to give you a new vision for your life and your relationship with Him. In this one-of-a-kind guide, Joel Osteen provides practical insight and encouragement to help you stay connected to God so you can receive His strength and be empowered to accomplish all that He has for you. Here are eight keys to living your life in the fullness of God's blessings and favor, help in not allowing your past to be a barrier between you and the pathway of new beginnings with God, and a treasure of insight into living by the power of God's word and His promises for your every need. In FRESH START, readers learn how to experience God's goodness and make Him a part of their everyday life.

DeVon Franklin, New York Times bestselling author of The Wait and prominent Hollywood producer, reveals that secular and spiritual success are not opposites. To have one, you need the other. Are you tired of living a life paralyzed by fear? Are you anxious to break free of the "beware mentality" that has kept generations of well-meaning people living beneath the fullness of their calling? You're unfulfilled because you've been convinced that you would lose your faith if you pursued the secular ambitions God has put in your heart. However, until you pursue those ambitions you will miss out on the fullness of God and the success you were created to have. For too long there's been a line drawn between the spiritual and the secular, and we have been conditioned to believe that if we cross this line in either direction, we will have gone too far. It's time to break down this barrier so you are free to go further than any believer has gone

before. The Hollywood Commandments combines spiritual teachings with secular strategies to help you achieve unprecedented success and live the life you were destined to live.

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! “[The Gift of Forgiveness] will spark conversations across families, across friendships, at workplaces, everywhere.”—Maria Shriver A fresh, inspiring book on learning how to forgive, with firsthand stories from those who have learned to let go of resentment and find peace. "When we learn to embrace forgiveness, it opens us up to healing, hope, and a new world of possibility."—Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt Written with grace and understanding and based on more than twenty in-depth interviews and stories as well as personal reflections from Schwarzenegger Pratt herself, *The Gift of Forgiveness* is about one of the most difficult challenges in life—learning to forgive. Here, Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt shows us what we can learn from those who have struggled with forgiveness, some still struggling, and others who have been able to forgive what might seem truly unforgivable. The book features experiences from those well-known and unknown, including Elizabeth Smart, who learned to forgive her captors; Sue Klebold, whose son, Dylan, was one of the Columbine shooters, learning empathy and how to forgive herself; Chris Williams, who forgave the drunken teenager who killed his wife and child; and of course Schwarzenegger Pratt's own challenges and path to forgiveness in her own life. All provide different journeys to forgiveness and the process—sometimes slow and thorny, sometimes almost instantaneous—by which they learned to forgive and let go. *The Gift of Forgiveness* is a perfect blend of personal insights, powerful quotations, and hard-won wisdom for those seeking a way to live with greater acceptance, grace, and peace. A PAMELA DORMAN BOOKS/PENGUIN LIFE TITLE

When three-year-old Sonny witnessed his father's brutal murder, he didn't know a curse haunting the men in his family was to blame. But his grandmother, Constance Jackson, did. For 20 years, Constance clung to her abusive marriage and church hoping that she could save her son. But hope and prayers were not enough, and her son died an unnatural death just like four generations of Jackson men before him. Now, she's stuck raising her grandson - Sonny. As time goes on, Constance sees Sonny as a chance to make things right with her past. But as Sonny approached manhood, Constance recognizes a change in him. And her gut says the shadow of the curse is lurking and will strike again soon. She fights to keep Sonny from his father's fate. But a grandmother's gumption and prayers may not be enough to save Sonny's soul.

A daily devotional based on the New York Times bestselling *The Wait*, filled with inspiring readings about how having the patience to wait for God's best—instead of grasping for what you want right now—can transform your life. In *The Wait*, DeVon Franklin and Meagan Good, a Hollywood power couple who famously saved sex for marriage, shared the life-changing message that waiting—rather than rushing—can be the key for finding the person you're meant to be with. Now,

their powerful message is reflected again in *The Wait Devotional*. Filled with scripture, prayers, and DeVon and Meagan's trademark conversational style, this 90-day devotional is packed with real-time advice for men and women trying to successfully navigate the ins and outs of dating, love, and relationships. You'll discover how waiting for everything—from sex to getting engaged—can transform your entire life by giving you greater patience, joy, peace, healing, faith, and love. Whether you're waiting for the right person to come along or you're searching for the strength to put intimacy on hold, *The Wait Devotional* can help you slow down and trust in God's perfect timing, day by day.

A candid, inspiring guide to finding lasting love by getting real about your relationship goals--based on the viral sermon series about dating, marriage, and sex. Realer than the most real conversation you've ever heard in church on the topic, Michael Todd's honest, heartfelt, and powerful teaching on relationships has already impacted millions. Michael believes that relationships are the epicenter of human thriving. All too often, though, we lack the tools or vision to build our relationships on the wisdom and power of God. In other words, it's good to have a goal, but you can't get there without proper aim. By charting a course that candidly examines our most common pitfalls, and by unpacking explosive truths from God's Word, Michael's debut book will transform a trendy hashtag into a future where your most cherished relationships thrive in relational life, hope, and abundance. Now those are real #relationshipgoals.

How I Lost My Mother is a deeply felt account of the relationship between a mother and son, and an exploration of what care for the dying means in contemporary society. The book is emotionally complex – funny, sad and angry – but above all, heartfelt and honest. It speaks boldly of challenges faced by all of us, challenges which are often not spoken about and hidden, but which deserve urgent attention. This is first and foremost a work of the heart, a reflection on what relationships mean and should mean. There is much in the book about relationships of care and exploitation in southern Africa, and about white Jewish identity in an African context. But despite the specific and absorbing references to places and contexts, the book offers a broader, more universal view. All parents of adult children, and all adults who have parents alive, or have lost their parents, will find much in this book to make them laugh, cry, think and feel.

A noted pastor and New York Times best-selling author offers words of comfort and patience to anyone waiting for answered prayers.

New York Times Bestseller Sarah Jakes Roberts, with life-lessons she's learned and new insights from the story of Eve, shows you how the disappointments and even mistakes of your past can be used today to help you become the woman God intended. Who would imagine being friends with Eve—the woman who's been held solely responsible for the fall of humanity (and cramps) for thousands of years? Certainly not Sarah Jakes Roberts. That is, not until Sarah discovered she is more like Eve than she cares to admit. Everyone faces trials, and everyone will mess up. But failure should not be the focus. Your focus should not

be on who you were but rather the pursuit of who you can become. In *Woman Evolve*, Sarah helps you to understand that your purpose in life does not change; it evolves. Making her mistake in the Garden of Eden, Eve became the first woman to deal with rebuilding her life in the aftermath of her past. Eve knew better, but she didn't do better. With scriptural lessons and Sarah as your guide, you discover and work through past issues and questions that haunt you, seeing yourself as God sees you and trusting Him with who you really are, how to come out of darkness and pursue a real relationship with God, why it's important to truly care for yourself, setting in motion the beautiful seed that God planted in you, and running to become who you were meant to be! Your fears and insecurities may have changed how you viewed God, others, and yourself, but in *Woman Evolve*, you can breakthrough and use past mistakes to revolutionize your life. Like Eve, you don't have to live your future defined by your past.

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