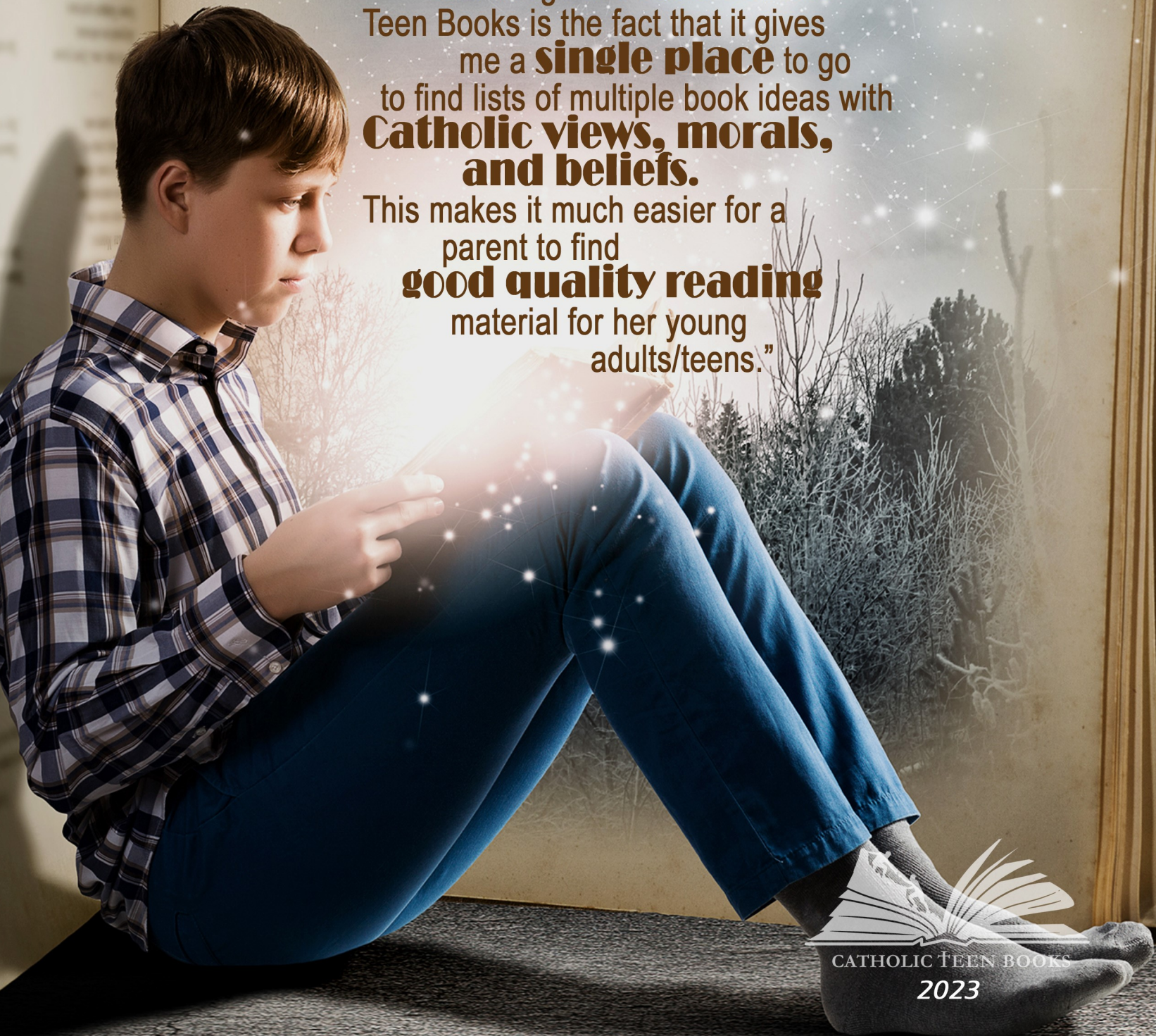


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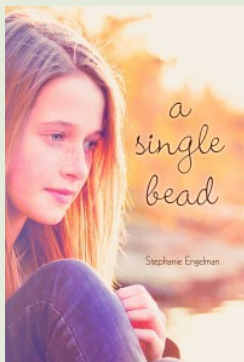
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Contemporary

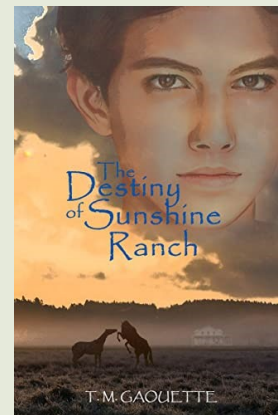


A Single Bead by Stephanie Engleman

ISBN: 978-0819890542 Grades 6-9

On the anniversary of the plane crash that took the life of her beloved grandmother and threw her own mother into a deep depression, 16-year-old Katelyn Roberts discovers a single bead from her grandmother's rosary – a rosary lost in the crash. Join her journey, filled with glimmers of hope, mystical events and unexplained graces.

Themes: rosary, loss, depression, prayer, Blessed Mother, death, Heaven, Purgatory.



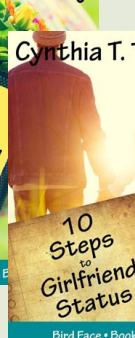
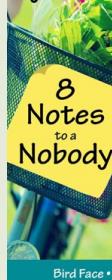
The Destiny of Sunshine Ranch by T.M. Gaouette

ISBN: 978-1470011024 Grades 6-9

This story relays the personal journeys of the Credence foster children and their struggles to overcome past and present pain and adversity. In this novel, the confidence of the devoted is challenged, but an even deeper understanding of God and His love are revealed.

Themes: includes overcoming past adversity, grief, loss, foster care, the power of prayer, friendship, faith, forgiveness, courage.

Cynthia T. Toney



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Bird Face Series by Cynthia T. Toney

Grades 7-12

This humorous, uplifting series follows teen Wendy Robichaud as she faces the challenges of the teenage years. These books show teens how wonderful God made them, as it helps them to cope with issues they face today.

Themes: bullying, shyness and making friends, deaf awareness, coping with divorced parents, blaming God, self-reliance, intergenerational friendships.

ISBNs:

8 Notes to a Nobody—978-1938092480

10 Steps to Girlfriend Status—978-1938092640

6 Dates to Disaster—978-1944120245

3 Things to Forget—978-1944120627

Finding Faith Series by Leslea Wahl

Grades 7-12

Formerly *An Unexpected Role*, *Into the Spotlight* is an old favorite with a new look and title! The novels in this series focuses on different modern teens, their struggles, and eventual pathway to faith, through adventurous mysteries filled with humor, romance, and faith.

Themes: Finding yourself, dealing with bullying, being grateful for blessings.

ISBNs:

Into the Spotlight —978-1005703943

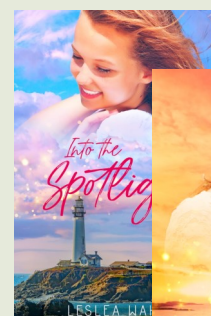
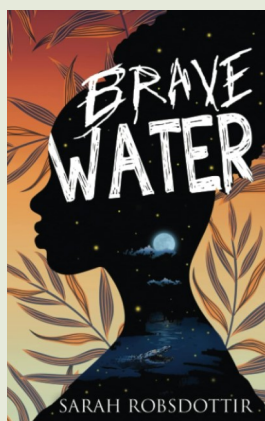
NEW-Charting the Course—979-8988012214

NEW-Brave Water by Sarah Robsdottir

ISBN: 978-0819890542 Grades 9-12

Two east African teens battle a human trafficking ring to save their best friend.

Themes: mercy, grace; God working through ordinary people to do great things; what it means to be brave; redemption; forgiveness.





Faith & Kung Fu Series

by T.M. Gaouette Grades 9-12

This contemporary series follows Gabriel Livingstone as he and those around him tackle issues of faith in the midst of modern life and culture.

Themes: includes fame, temptation, addiction, drug use, grief, loss, fame, bullying, premarital chastity, dating, modesty, power of prayer, vocations, strength in faith.

ISBNs:

Freeing Tanner Rose— 978-1494305062

Saving Faith— 978-1542834735

Guarding Aaron— 978-1729434949

Loving Gabriel— 979-8752515255

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So with CBT, my Mom looks at content guides, for the books and then sees if the contents of the books are for me or for older teens! And that makes my Mom SUPER Happy! :)"

~ Blanca T.

West Brothers Series

by Theresa Linden Grades 9-12

A contemporary series about brothers finding answers to life's questions in the treasure of the Catholic Faith.

Themes: spiritual warfare, the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, consequences of drinking and drug use, the Miraculous Medal, guardian angels, mercy, and forgiveness.

ISBNs:

Roland West Loner—978-0996816847

Life-Changing Love—978-0996816861

Battle for His Soul—978-0997674705

Standing Strong—978-0997674729

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Fire Starters—978-0997674798

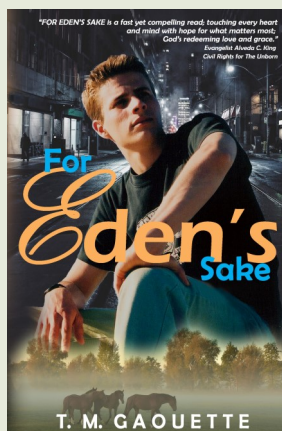


For Eden's Sake by T.M. Gaouette

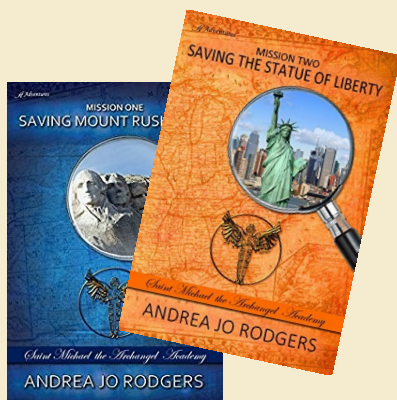
ISBN: 978-1089964889 Grades 11-12

Barely out of college, Isaac trades the quiet of his family ranch for the excitement of the big city with his dream job at an up-and-coming advertising agency. Until his perfect new world is shattered by bad choices, a pretty girl, a moment's temptation—and a late night walk that quickly spirals out of control.

Themes: includes living in the world, relationships/dating, broken families, emotional and physical abuse in relationships, premarital chastity, pro-life.



Contemporary **Mystery**



Saint Michael the Archangel Academy Series

by Andrea Jo Rodgers Grades 3-7

This is not your typical school, but rather an academy for secret agents with special gifts. Join John and the fellow members of Team Liberty as they strive to save our nation's national treasures.

Themes: faith, friendship, courage, patriotism, adventure, history, God-given gifts, good vs. evil.

ISBNs:

Saving Mount Rushmore— 978-1947327207

Saving the Statue of Liberty— 978-1947327252

Seven Riddles to Nowhere by A.J. Cattapan

ISBN: 978-0997173253 Grades 4-8

This old favorite has a fresh new look! When seventh grader Kameron Boyd discovers his financially distressed Catholic school might close, he enters a riddles competition to inherit a fortune. However, when the riddles lead to a scavenger hunt through the churches of Chicago, Kam worries he doesn't have what it takes to keep his school community together.

Themes: bullying, friendship, sacrifice, grit and determination.



Where You Lead by Leslea Wahl

ISBN: 978-1732711228 Grades 7-12

A lonely girl with a vision of an unknown boy. A son convinced his father must run for elected office. Join Nick and Eve on the adventure of a lifetime when their faith to answer God's call, leads them on a mission full of deception, mysterious clues, and missing confederate gold.

Themes: faith, courage, God's will, God's plan, recognizing and having the courage to answer God's call in big and small ways.

Blindside Series by Leslea Wahl Grades 7-12

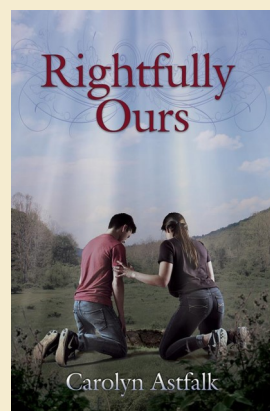
The Blindside series follows teenage snowboarding superstar, Jake, and aspiring journalist, Sophie. These adventurous mysteries combine exciting stories with humor, romance, and faith.

Themes: discovering God's will, using your talents to help others, keeping your focus on Christ, living out your faith amid temptations, importance of chastity.

ISBNs:

Perfect Blindside—978-0819860132

eXtreme Blindside—978-0819824059



Rightfully Ours by Carolyn Astfalk ISBN: 978-1987970029 Grades 11-12

Grief, loneliness, and unavoidable circumstances draw two teens together. Their friendship deepens to love as they hunt for lost treasure, placing them in the path of temptation and forcing them to affirm their beliefs about love, chastity, and sexual relationships.

Themes: premarital chastity, temptation, authentic love, Theology of the Body.

Fantasy



Mandy Lamb and the Full Moon

by Corinna Turner Grades 6-9

Mandy Lamb is the world's only half-sheep girl, thanks to a spot of well-meant but ill-advised genetic tinkering. She's about to meet James, a rather strange orphan who smells, to Mandy, distinctly like a dog, and who has a bad habit of running off at the full moon. With danger on the way, will James prove friend or foe?

Themes: includes bullying, grief, loss, friendship, faith, forgiveness, courage.

"The Wolf, The Lamb and the Air Balloon" is a Mandy Lamb novella. Against his better judgment, James agrees to attend the school fete disguised as Mandy's friend's dog. But problems soon arise from a very different quarter that has nothing to do with the full moon.

ISBNs:

Mandy Lamb and the Full Moon—978-1910806524

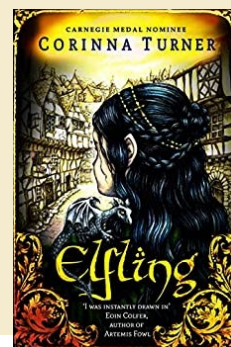
The Wolf, The Lamb and the Air Balloon—978-1910806654

Elfling by Corinna Turner

ISBN: 978-1910806401 Grades 9-12

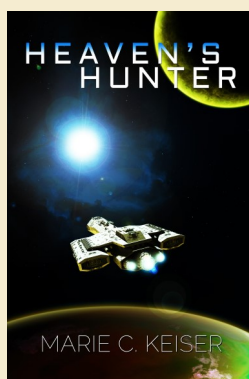
Alone on the streets of London, young Serapia Ravena seeks her father, her only hope of survival. When the elusive Duke suddenly returns to the city, Serapia finds a loving father, who quickly thwarts her uncle's murderous plans. But it soon becomes clear that he hides a dark secret, one that threatens his very life, and his very soul.

Themes: includes Redemption, salvation, second chances, repentance, family loyalty, duty, fortitude, courage.



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~Jessica E.



Heaven's Hunter by Marie Keiser

ISBN: 979-8557822688 Grades 9-12

The Union of Planets allows many things. Being Catholic is not one of them. So when Randall Yung, an officer in the Galactic Fleet, finds himself wondering what side he's on, it's not a decision he can make lightly.

Themes: Forgiveness, friendship, loyalty, martyrdom, fortitude, commitment to truth, good example.

Sci-Fi

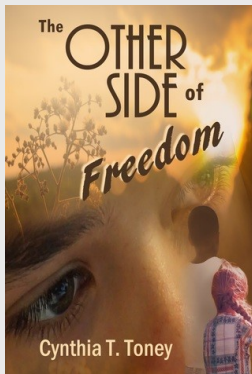


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Historical

Rosa, Sola by Carmela Martino ISBN: 978-0692147511
Grades 4-8

Ten-year-old Rosa, the only child of Italian immigrants in 1960's Chicago, is overjoyed when God answers her prayers for a little brother, but then a tragedy threatens to pull their family apart.
Themes: loss, family, faith, prayer, grief, and immigrant life.



The Other Side of Freedom by Cynthia T. Toney
ISBN: 978-1944120399 Grades 6-9

In a southern farming community in 1925, thirteen-year-old Salvatore and his Italian immigrant father become involved against their will in a crime that results in the murder of an innocent man and family friend. Will Sal keep the secrets about that night as his father asks, or risk everything he and his family cherish, including their lives?
Themes: Coming-of-age, faith, courage, friendship between races, desire to do right, family, community, country.

The Harwood Mysteries by Antony Barone Kolenc Grades 4-9

In medieval England, a peasant boy (Xan) and his friends (Lucy and Christina) embark on adventures and solve mysteries as they overcome tragedy and grow in their faith. What is that eerie Shadow roaming the abbey grounds at night? Is the ancient cathedral haunted by the ghost of a little girl? Did the sinister magician who lives in the outskirts steal a precious ruby? Has a witch struck a man with a deadly curse? Did a troubled Crusader, newly returned from the Holy Land, murder the blacksmith? Most important, Xan and his friends must discover what God wants from them as they come of age and choose their life's paths.

Themes: Faith, friendship, vocation, forgiveness, humility, generosity, and overcoming suffering.

ISBNs:

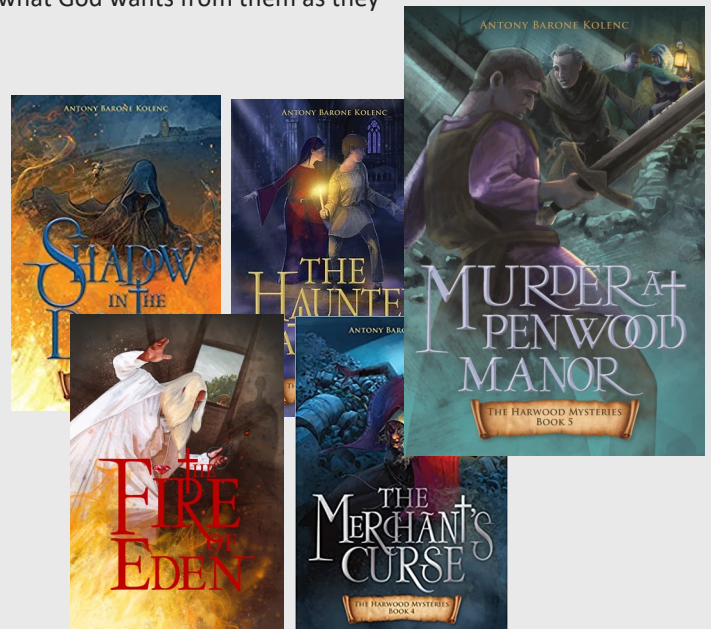
Shadow in the Dark—978-0829448108

The Haunted Cathedral—978-0829448108

The Fire of Eden—978-0829448146

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NEW Murder at Penwood Manor—978-0829455540



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~Cecelia M.



Playing By Heart

by Carmela Martino

ISBN: 978-0997173291

Grades 7-12

The story of two sisters with extraordinary talents set in 18th Century Italy. While their father hopes to use their incredible gifts to advance himself to nobility, they strive to follow the paths they believe God wants them to take.

Themes: faith, family, sibling rivalry, self-sacrifice, romance, vocations, discernment of how to use God's gifts, women's role in society, the power of music.



Great War Great Love Series by Ellen Gable Grades 7-12

The Great War Great Love three-book series includes stories of faith, courage, chaste romance and generosity in service of American volunteer nurses and Canadian servicemen during the Great War.

Themes: Generosity in service, trust in God's will, chaste romance.

Sometimes God answers our prayers in a way very different from what we expect.

ISBNs:

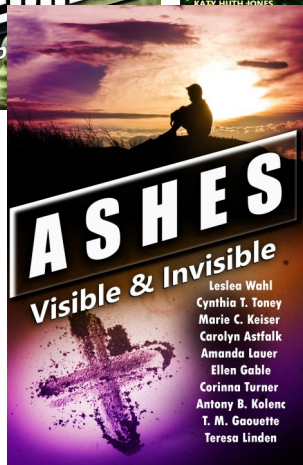
Julia's Gifts— 978-0987915306

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Ella's Promise— 978-1987970050



Catholic Teen Books Anthologies



Secrets: Visible & Invisible 7 authors

ISBN: 978-0997971828 Grades 7-12

A collection of 7 short stories by seven CatholicTeenBooks.com authors. As described by Mark Hart of Life Teen International, who provides the foreword, "Each story reveals something different about the human heart and our constant (though, often veiled) desire for truth and virtue."

Gifts: Visible & Invisible 8 authors

ISBN: 978-0997971859 Grades 7-12

"No cartoon characters 'saving Christmas' by making sure presents happen, or mistletoe moments with less substance than a snowflake here," writes Barb Szyzkiewicz, editor of CatholicMom.com. "These 8 stories entertain and edify the young-adult reader and satisfy that Christmas craving for something more, which can only be fulfilled by Jesus."

Treasures: Visible & Invisible 8 authors

ISBN: 978-0997971873 Grades 7-12

A 8 collection of short stories by eight CatholicTeenBooks.com authors. As described by Cathy Gilmore of Virtue Works Media, "With a shamrock as our touchstone, this book takes us on a journey through an expanse of time from ancient to modern. Be inspired by the holy greatness of heroism rooted in the spiritual treasures of the Emerald Isle."

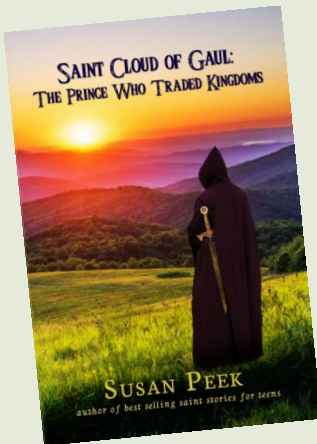
Ashes: Visible & Invisible 10 authors

ISBN: 979-8985348514

Grades 7-12

The Catholic Teen Books team is excited to announce their newest anthology featuring ten short Lent-themed stories! Melinda Harrington at CatholicChildrensStories.com writes, "Your teens will love how characters struggle when confronted with the stark reality of death, but ultimately learn that with Faith, they can be heroes!"

Historical Saints Stories



Saint Cloud of Gaul: The Prince Who Traded Kingdoms by Susan Peek
ISBN: 978-0997000573 Grades 11-12

When young Prince Cloud, grandson of the mighty King Clovis and heir to the Kingdom of Orleans, is suspiciously summoned to his uncle's castle, little does he know his world is about to implode.
Themes: faith, discernment, forgiveness, humility, patience, family betrayal, friendship, lust for power, grandparents' role in passing on the faith.

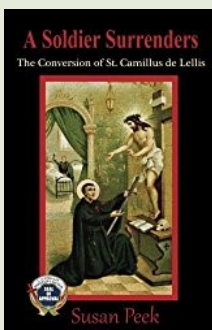
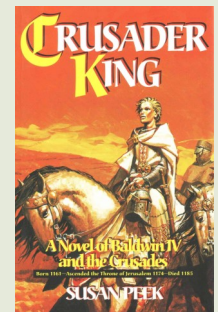
St. Magnus, The Last Viking by Susan Peek
ISBN: 978-0997000504 Grades 7-12

A fast-paced historical novel about Saint Magnus Erlendson, a young Viking prince involved in a feud with his cousin Hakon.
Themes: forgiveness, courage, accepting God's will, sacrificial love, family ties, family feuds, putting duties of state above personal inclination.



Crusader King by Susan Peek ISBN: 978-0895557605 Grades 7-12

An action-packed historical novel about the little-known life of Baldwin IV of Jerusalem, the leper Crusader king who—despite ascending the throne at only thirteen years old, and his incredibly debilitating disease—performed great and heroic deeds in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.
Themes: courage, loyalty, friendship, unflinching love for God and duty, disabilities, courage, the Crusades.



A Soldier Surrenders by Susan Peek ISBN: 978-0997000511
Grades 7-12

Soldiering, gambling, brawling, drinking. As a young man, St. Camillus excelled at them all. Add to that his fiery temper and innate knack for getting into trouble, and Camillus de Lellis seems the last person who could ever achieve holiness! But God had plans for the stubborn young soldier, whether Camillus liked it or not.
Themes: conversion to God, overcoming faults and vices, friendship.

The King's Prey: St. Dymphna of Ireland by Susan Peek
ISBN: 978-0997000573 Grades 11-12

An insane king. His fleeing daughter. Estranged brothers, with a scarred past, risking everything to save her from a fate worse than death. Will Dymphna escape her deranged father and his sinful desires?
Themes: runaways, family violence, mental and emotional instability, courage, brotherly love, sacrificing oneself for another, purity, loving God above all things.

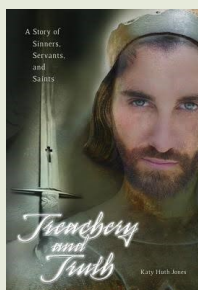


Friends in High Places Series by Corinna Turner
Grades 7-12

The Friends in High Places is an 'applied biography' series. Fictional teens learn about different saints as they go through their own life struggles, and we see the inspiration and influence of the book's saint in their lives.
Themes: Faith, friendship with the saints, fear, mortality, death, beatification, fear, mortality, death, beatification.

ISBNs:

The Boy Who Knew (Carlo Acutis)—978-1910806463
Child, Unwanted (Margaret of Castello)—978-1910806265



Treachery and Truth by Katy Huth Jones
ISBN: 978-0819875358 Grades 7-12

You've heard the Christmas carol, but did you know the real "Good King Wenceslas" lived in the Dark Ages and is the patron saint of the Czech Republic? This is the inspiring story of Saint Wenceslas (Svaty Václav) from the point of view of his servant, Poidevin, who came to the faith because of his godly master.
Themes: the meaning of suffering, fidelity to Christ, loving our enemies.





Speculative



Angelhood by A.J. Cattapan
Grades 7-12

ISBN: 978-1732134805

The afterlife isn't quite what seventeen-year-old theater geek Nanette expected. She expected peace and freedom from her troubles. Instead, she's become a guardian angel who must earn her wings by saving a young teen from taking her own life. In the process, Nanette will have to discover what living is really all about.

Themes: trust, hope, depression, teen suicide.



unSPARKed Series by Corinna Turner Grades 9-12

This series is set in a world where dinosaurs once again roam the world.

Themes: Pro-life, Crisis Pregnancy, Theology of the Body (Purity/Chastity), Dinosaurs, Faith, Power of the Sacraments.



Breach!—978-1910806708

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Dystopian



I Am Margaret Series

by Corinna Turner Grades 11-12

In a totalitarian atheist state of the future, a young woman rejects the accepted wisdom that the imperfect are more use dead than alive, and that religious belief is a threat to society.

Themes: vocation to the priesthood, self-sacrifice, faith, martyrdom, the dangers of eugenics (the culture of death).

ISBNs:

I am Margaret—978-1910806067

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Margo's Diary—978-1910806142

The Siege of Reginald Hill—978-1910806807

The Three Most Wanted—978-1910806081

Bane's Eyes—978-1910806128

Brothers—978-1910806609

A Saint in the Family—978-1910806869

Someday by Corinna Turner

ISBN: 978-1910806166 Grades 11-12

A re-telling of the kidnapping of the Chibok schoolgirls in Nigeria, in 2014, set in the west. This prequel novella to the Yesterday and Tomorrow series is sold in aid of charity Aid to the Church in Need.

Themes:

***For mature teens and adults only. Contains violence integral to the story.**



Chasing Liberty Trilogy by Theresa Linden

Grades 11-12

A young woman longs for freedom in a dystopian future where science is unchecked by ethics, the family is eradicated, and the government controls everything.

Themes: the importance of individual liberty, faith, and traditional family to a stable society; the dangers of advancing science and technology without ethical considerations; coping with trauma, self-sacrifice for a greater good, heroism.

ISBNs:

Chasing Liberty— 978-0996816809

Testing Liberty — 978-0996816823

Fight for Liberty —978-0996816885



New Adult



Spinoff from the West Brothers Series

by Theresa Linden New Adult

In the mystery romance *Anyone but Him*, a young woman wakes with amnesia, unable to remember the past three years or why she's married to a boy she despised in high school. Be sure to read this one before *A Summer at West Castle*, the story of how a young woman's act of mercy toward a man she's never liked puts her on an unexpected path that challenges her to look beneath the surface.

Themes: faithfulness, Christian courtship and traditional marriage, life after mistakes, abortion, volunteer work in the pro-life movement, forgiveness, and trusting that God wills for your good.

ISBNs:

Anyone But Him—978-0997674743

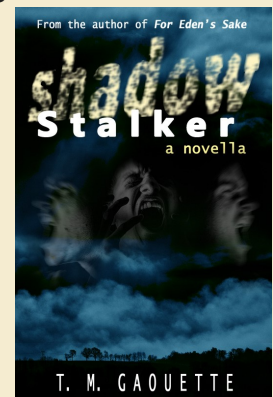
Summer at West Castle—978-1734992953

Shadow Stalker by T. M. Gaouette

ISBN: 978-8650876519 New Adult

It all happened one morning. It was as if the world had gone mad. People were waking up as if possessed. For investigative reporter Elijah, this news story was way bigger than a scoop. Unless he could unmask the truth behind the madness, how could he keep it from happening to him?

Themes: sin, redemption, child abuse, God's mercy, forgiveness, end times and the care of one's soul.



Last Things Series by Corinna Turner

New Adult

An unrepentant assassin faces his execution day in the novella "Three Last Things." Can he accept God's mercy before it is too late?

In the second novella, "A Changing of the Guard," Tomas Flores hates serving on the prison's Death Squad—and now he may be about to lose his job thanks to his actions during Carl Jarrold's hellish execution.

Themes: death, judgment, heaven, hell, forgiveness, mercy, repentance, salvation, redemption, capital punishment. discernment, conversion.

ISBNs:

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