

# Contemporary

# single bead Stephane Ergerhan

#### 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.

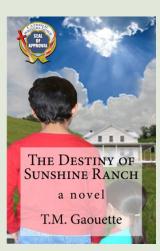
#### The Destiny of Sunshine Ranch

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.





#### 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, 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

#### An Unexpected Role by Leslea Wahl

Grades 7-12

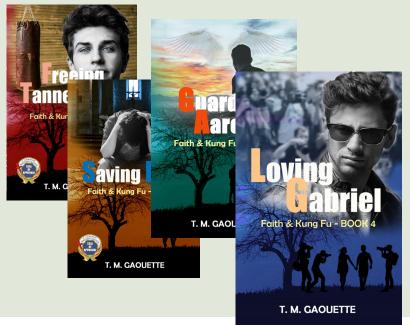
After a humiliating event causes Josie to flee her home to spend the summer with her Aunt on a South Carolina island, her fresh start turns into the summer of her dreams as romance blossoms, and a series of thefts surround her with excitement. When tragedy strikes, Josie realizes there are more important things than her reputation.

Themes: Finding yourself, dealing with bullying, being grateful for blessings. **"Unlikely Witnesses"** is a novella that combines the characters in Wahl's novels The Perfect Blindside and An Unexpected Role.

**ISBNs** 

**An Unexpected Role**— 978-1632133045 **Unlikely Witnesses**— 978-1732903715





#### 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

"Catholic Teen Books offers a wide variety of genres, all including faith-filled adventures and outstanding characters. Catholic Teen Books will no doubt inspire a strengthening in your faith."

#### West Brothers Series by Theresa Linden Grades 9-12

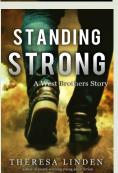
A contemporary series about brothers finding answers to life's questions in the treasure of the

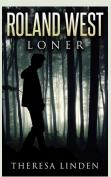
Themes: spiritual warfare, the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, consequences of drinking and drug use, the Miraculous Medal, quardian angels, mercy, and forgiveness.

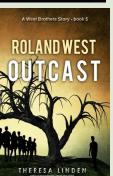
#### ISBNs:

**Roland West Loner**— 978-0996816847 **Life-Changing Love**—978-0996816861 Battle for His Soul—978-0997674705 Standing Strong-978-0997674729 **Roland West Outcast**—978-0997674767 Fire Starters — 978-0997674798













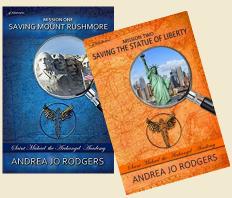
For Eden's Sake by T.M. Gaouette ISBN: 978-1089964889 **Grades 11-12** 

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

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 qifts, qood 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

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.



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





Carolyn Astfalk

Rightfully

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.





#### Mandy Lamb and the Full Moon by Corinna Turner

ISBN: 978-1910806524 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:

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**Elfling** by Corinna Turner

ISBN: 978-1910806401 Grades 9-12

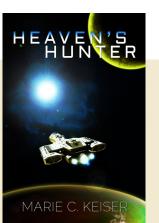
Alone on the streets of London, young Serapia Ravena seeks her father, her only hope of survival. When the elusive Duke suddenly returns to the city, Serapia finds a loving father, who quickly thwarts her uncle's murderous plans. But it soon becomes clear that he hides a dark secret, one that threatens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

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

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~Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur, Today's Catholic Homeschooling From review for CTB anthology *Treasures, Visible & Invisible* 



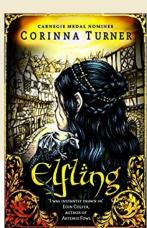
**Heaven's Hunter** by Marie Keiser ISBN: 979-8557822688 Grades 9-12

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.



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## Historical



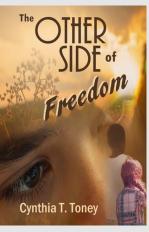
Rosa, Sola by Carmela Martino ISBN: 978-0692147511 Grades 4-8

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 best friend (Lucy) embark on adventures and solve several 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? Most important, Xan and Lucy must discover what God wants from them as they come of age and choose their life's paths.

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

ISBNs:

**Shadow in the Dark** 978-0829448108 **The Haunted Cathedral** 978-0829448108 **The Fire of Eden** 978-0829448146

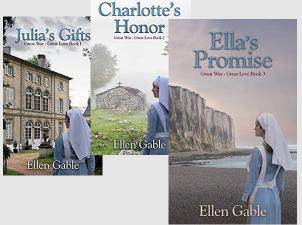
**Playing By Heart** by Carmela Martino ISBN: 978-0997173291 Grades 7-12

The story of two sisters with extraordinary talents set in 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

"I enjoy Catholic Teen Books because the stories are clean and wholesome. I would give these books to any teen."

~Marilyn, Avid reader



#### 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 Charlotte's Honor- 978-1987970043 Ella's Promise- 978-1987970050

#### Heaven Intended Series by Amanda Lauer Grades 9-12

The books in this series are faith-based love stories set during the Civil War. This historical fictional set is based on a true story and follows the lives of different individuals affected by the devastating war.

Themes: Faith, Perseverance, Loyalty, Chaste Romance, Trusting God's Plan in One's Life.

ISBNs:

A World Such As Heaven Intended— 978-0987915368
A Life Such As Heaven Intended— 978-1987970098
A Love Such As Heaven Intended— 978-1987970111



### **Catholic Teen Books Anthologies**



Secrets: Visible and 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 and Invisible 8 authors

ISBN: 978-0997971859 Grades 7-12

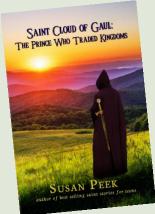
A collection of 8 short stories by eight CatholicTeenBooks.com authors. These inspiring stories, in a variety of genres, are all Christmas-themed.

#### **Treasures: Visible and 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."

# Historica Saints Stories



#### **NEW 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.

Saint Magnus

#### St. Magnus, The Last Viking by Susan Peek

ISBN: 978-0997000504 Grades 7-12

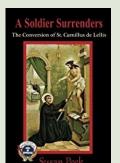
A fast-paced historical novel about Saint Magnus Erlendson, a young Viking prince involved in a feud with his cousin Hakon.

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.



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.



Grades 7-12

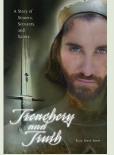
The Friends in High Places is an 'applied biography' series. Fictional teens learn about different saints as they go through their own life struggles, and we see the inspiration and influence of the book's saint in their lives.

Themes: Faith, friendship with the saints, fear, mortality, death, beatification, fear, mortality, death, beatification.

ISBNs:

The Boy Who Knew (Carlo Acutis)—978-1910806463

NEW 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.



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# 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 **A Very Jurassic Christmas**– 978-1910806975 **Panic**- 978-1910806913 **A Truly Raptor-ous Welcome**– 978-1910806661 **Farmgirls Die in Cages**- 978-1910806937 **Please Don't Feed the Dinosaurs**– 978-1910806753 **Wild Life**– 978-1910806326



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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 Liberation — 978-1910806104

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

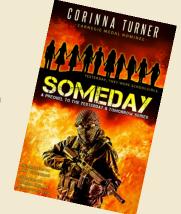
#### **Someday** by Corinna Turner

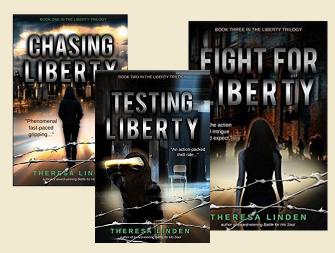
ISBN: 978-1910806166 Grades 11-12

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

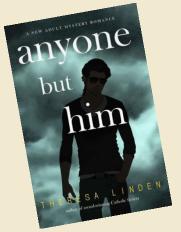
Grades 11-12

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

#### **Anyone But Him** by Theresa Linden

ISBN: 978-0997674743 New Adult

Caitlyn wakes with amnesia, unable to remember the past three years or why she moved so far from home, and worse--why she's married to a boy she despised in high school. In this emotionally-charged, new adult mystery romance Caitlyn struggles to solve the mysteries of her amnesia and her marriage.

Themes: traditional marriage, faithfulness, crisis pregnancy center volunteer work, abor-

tion, life after mistakes, Brown Scapular, mercy, and forgiveness.

### **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:

Three Last Things — 978-1910806562

A Changing of the Guard — 978-1910806364



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