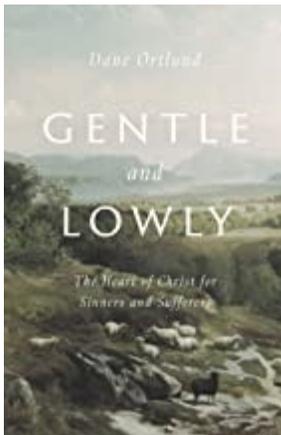


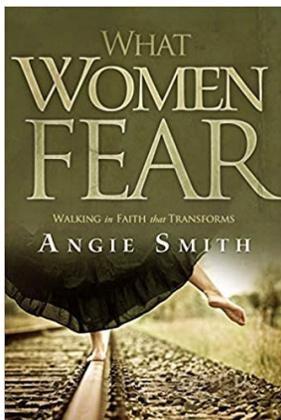
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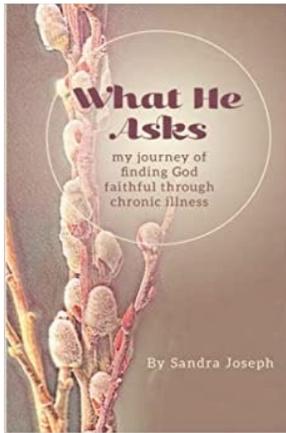
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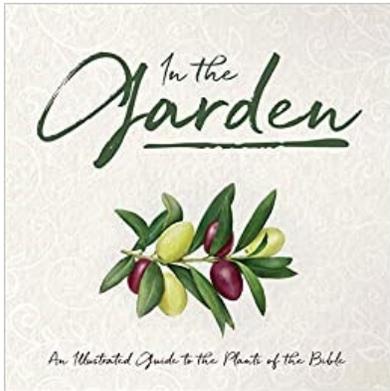
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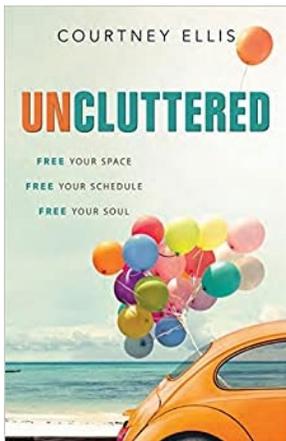


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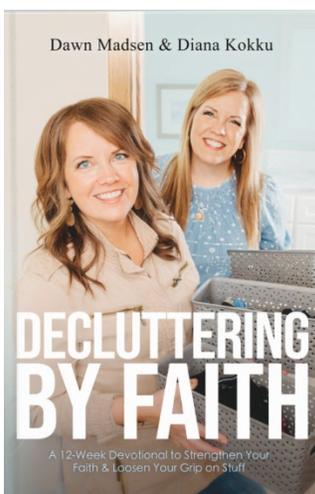


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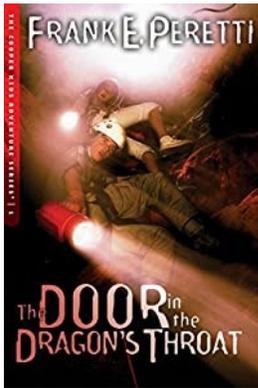
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Free your space, free your schedule, free your soul



Decluttering by Faith by Dawn Madsen & Diana Kokku

A 12-week Devotional to strengthen your Faith and loosen your grip on stuff



The “Cooper Kids Adventures” series by Frank E. Peretti

Recommended age range: 8-12 years old

Book 1: The Door in the Dragon’s Throat

Book 2: Escape from the Island of Aquarius

Book 3: The Tombs of Anak

Book 4: Trapped at the Bottom of the Sea

Book 5: The Secret of the Desert Stone

(This review is only on the first five books in the series)

Basic Plot Summary of books

○ Dr. Jake Cooper, a Christian archeologist (and an Indiana Jones type character) and his two kids Jay (14) and Lila (13) find themselves wrapped up in dangerous adventures at various locations around the world in each book. Accompanying them is a two-man crew, Jeff and Bill who help to excavate various sites and investigate mysterious tombs, caverns or excavation site tunnels where they all encounter deadly perils such as earthquakes, venomous snakes, deadly insects and booby-traps. Dr. Cooper exhibits godly strength and leads his group with compassion and justice. When the kids find themselves in trouble, Jay and Lila remember what their father taught them about God and who they need to trust when they find themselves in dangerous and scary situations. Dr. Cooper also shows his love for his children when he is willing to risk everything for their safety. Dr. Cooper and his crew are very vocal with their belief that God is more powerful than Satan and any other powers here on earth. They understand the power of prayer and continually ask for God’s help and guidance in every situation and regularly ask for His protection. Dr. Cooper and his crew remain faithful to Christ even when others try to force their beliefs of them. Even though they question God during difficult times, they do not lose faith in Him.

Other Belief Systems

○ This series does dig into different pagan worship practiced in other areas of the world, and might be a little scary to younger readers. I believe the intent in all the books is to explain why it is wrong, but it got pretty descriptive at times. I would encourage these books to be read aloud and together, so such topics can be discussed with younger readers and can provide great conversation starters about the unseen battles we face every day with the enemy. I found the first book in the series in particular (The Door in the Dragon’s Throat) to contain some content worth discussing dealing with demons and Revelation 9.

Violence/Profanity/Sexual Content

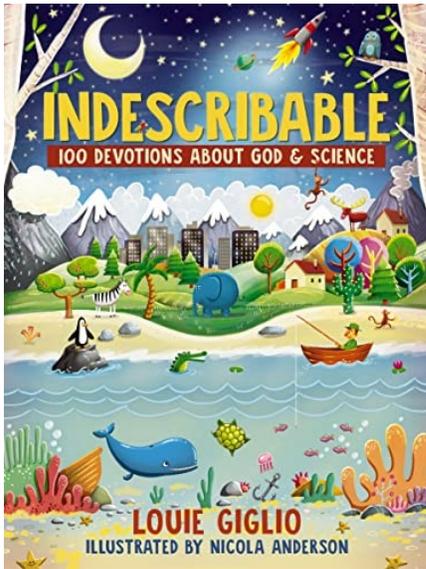
○ There is no profanity or sexual content, but there is some mild fighting that occurs on occasion and some suspenseful situations that might be a bit scary to younger readers.

Caution

○ In the fourth and fifth books of the series two different characters at various times claim to hear God speaking to them. When I hear someone say “God spoke to me . . .” I have to admit, a silent alarm goes off somewhere deep in the recesses of my mind—unless the phrase is followed by a Scripture verse. I believe God does actively speaks to us today in the here and now, but through His living and active word. It is not that I think God is incapable of speaking to his people today, I don’t want to limit God in these regards, but I do think we need to be cautious and careful when we think we’re hearing divine voices in our heads for our fleshly desires can be deceitful and misleading. This is really the only negative criticism I have about this book series thus far.

In Conclusion

I think these are a fun series for kids (ages 8-12 in my opinion) and adults alike. There’s a lot of edge-of-your-seat thrills and excitement. It can seem hard to find quality Christian-based content that kids will actually enjoy. This book series accomplishes that, if you have a young reader and you’re looking for a book series that is exciting, fun to read and will help your child grow in their faith, this book series is for you.



The Indescribable Kids Devotional series by Louie Giglio
Illustrated but Nicola Anderson

Indescribable: 100 Devotions about God & Science

Indescribable for little ones

**How Great is our God: 100 Indescribable Devotions
about God & Science**

**The Wonder of Creation: 100 More Devotions about
God & Science**

There are educators guides available for the later two books
which can be used in a school setting.

This is a series of devotional books geared towards kids from 6-10, although, it is just as fun and interesting to read no matter what your age! It's easy reading for kids who want a devotional book to read on their own. It also works great to read aloud in family worship, or to begin each homeschool day. From Earth to space, animals, and our bodies, this is an awesome introduction into the world that God has created and made for us to enjoy. Each devotional begins with a bible verse and discusses a scientific topic associated with it, then connects it to God. They also share a "Be Amazed" fact and close in a prayer. Each devotional is 2 pages long and takes about 5-7 minutes to read through.

This book series explores a lot of different scientific topics such as

- Space: the moon, sun, stars and the universe
- Earth: the mountains, the ocean, plants and everything in-between
- Animals: from elephants and cheetahs to birds and bees
- People: the senses, the body's muscles, and what makes us unique

The author has also published a beginner board book devotional geared towards kids 4 and younger with interactive pull tabs and spinning wheels. This book does still include fun facts about space, earth, animals, and people as well, but written for preschool age kids.

I can't recommend these books enough! We love this devotional. We were gifted this series and use it in our regular family worship every day and are fascinated by what we read and learn about our powerful, purposeful, personal and creative creator. It's a fun way to learn about God and His incredible creation.