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Category	Rodgers, Jr., John [Bishop]	
Academic - Theology	228 Norman Dr. Cranberry Twp. PA 16066	
720 Pages	724-776-8228	Email: johnrodgers@zoominternet.net

Working Title: *Essential Truths for Christians*

Summary: Subtitled: *A Commentary on the Anglican Thirty-Nine Articles and an Introduction to Systematic Theology*, this work provides a critical resource for church leaders and others interested in reformed theology by explaining the teaching of the *Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion* as drafted by English Reformers in the 16th century. With a focus on solid theological teaching, practical application, and spiritual formation, this volume is written for clergy, ministry students, and lay leaders. *Essential Truths* shows how the Anglican Reformers “got it right” on the central matters of the Christian Faith, and that these teachings are both biblical and relevant for today. This book is designed as an easy-to-find reference on the Articles and as an introduction to the basic themes of systematic theology. The foreword is written by J.I. Packer.

Marketing Considerations: Dr. John H. Rodgers Jr. has served many years in academic and pastoral settings as a professor of systematic theology, dean/president of Trinity School for Ministry, and as a bishop. Dr. Rodgers earned his doctorate of theology (Th.D.) summa cum laude at the University of Basel in Switzerland studying with noted theologians such as Karl Barth. Dr. Rodgers regularly teaches at seminaries and conferences in the U.S. and abroad. **Book Proposal ID:** RoJ1606610 **Notes** A distinguished author from the evangelical Episcopal scene.

Category	Temple, Jenny M.	
Children	1524 S. Frederick St. Evansville In 47714	
Brief	812-589-6740	Email: gracesgirl78@yahoo.com

Working Title: *Harmony Hollow: The Path*

Summary: Jesus would often use stories or parables to help people to understand spiritual truths. In the same way, *Harmony Hollow* is a series of stories for children using forest animals to help teach them deep spiritual truths. Each story is followed by a short devotion to help draw out those truths. The first story, *Welcome to Harmony Hollow: The Hoppies and the Floppies*, tells a Good Samaritan tale of two families of rabbits. It teaches the importance of overcoming differences, preserving unity, and settling disagreements. *Harmony Hollow: The Path*, tells how a young deer learns the importance of friendship, forgiveness, and staying on the path. In *Harmony Hollow: The Light Bearers*, a group of fireflies decide to stop shining their light. This story focuses on the difference even one light can make. *Harmony Hollow: Buford the Blue Jay*, tells how a blue jay struggles with pride and gets himself into funny and humbling situations.

Marketing Considerations: Jenny Temple has had a lifelong passion for writing. As a Christian, she dreams of expressing God’s amazing love to others, especially children. Jenny graduated from Baptist Bible College with a degree in Elementary Education. **Book Proposal ID:** TeJ4771410

Category	Robinson, Sarah B.	
Children, 12-15	1232 Chase Street Morgantown WV 26508	
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Working Title: *Guarding the Deep*

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Summary: In *Guarding the Deep* mid-teen Colin struggles to understand life during crisis. His beloved grandfather and mentor has died. Colin is called upon to keep vital, top secrets that might endanger the country's national security during a Cold War Era. When Colin discovers these US top secrets, including ones that involved his grandfather, he must decide which is more important, exposing the truth about the man he loved, or guard the secrets he uncovers.

Marketing Considerations: Sarah Robinson was published in "Knowonder!", a publication of the Boy Scouts of America. She is a freelance writer for a local publication in her area of West Virginia. For twenty-five years she has frequented the Greenbrier Hotel, toured the Greenbrier Bunker and interviewed the Greenbrier historian Robert Conte, gathering information for this book. She and her husband have raised three daughters. **Book Proposal ID:** RoS2650810

Category	Werning, Waldo, Dr.
Church Ministry/Mission	PO Box 26037 Wauwatosa WI 53226
275 Pages	414-256-6857
	Email: wjwern1@aol.com

Working Title: *Change the Church Door:
From a Maintenance Door to the Discipling Door*

Summary: The purpose of this book is to offer pastors and church leaders resources and leadership principles for building healthy churches that will reach the sixty percent of church members who are marginal in worship and inactive in witnessing, serving and giving. The goal is to move them from church membership to discipleship, and from pew sitting to an active relationship with Jesus Christ and fellow believers. The book's content focuses on discipleship that changes members from 21st century "church club" membership to 1st century discipling and spiritual formation that empowers and mobilizes God's people for productive ministry and mission. A basic premise is that functional and productive ministry - Ministry Aflame! - precedes explosive evangelism outreach - Mission Ablaze!

Marketing Considerations: After two pastorates, Dr. Waldo Werning served in denominational head quarters and spent twenty-five years as a counselor and mentor. He also served as adjunct professor at Concordia in Fort Wayne, IN, for eighteen years. He has conducted more than 600 discipling workshops, consulted with more than 1,100 churches, disciplined pastors and church leaders in 18 countries at 49 overseas events. He conducted workshops at the World Congress on Evangelism in Manila in 1989. He is the author of 30 books and the recipient of the 2006 "Donald A. McGavran Award for Outstanding Leadership in Church Growth" by the American Society of Church Growth. **Book Proposal ID:** WeW5322610

Category	Rae, Connie M.
Family Issues	1700 N. Pine Wenatchee WA 98801
200 Pages	509-662-5453
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Working Title: *It's Never Too Late: Practical Help for Parents
Who Fear They're Losing Their Teenager*

Summary: The message of this book is that it is never too late to reach your difficult teenager. The book gives parents help in understanding their child's temperament, their own parenting style, and the developmental process their child is going through. It discusses the world their teenager is growing up in, which is very different than their parents may realize and understand. The book gives information and tools, and encourages parents to accept the adolescent period of time, but not the excesses or extremes that go with it. Each chapter ends with a short homework

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task and a prayer. There is hope. That hope rests in the parent's faith and trust in God, and their willingness to seek his help, to put feet to their prayers, and rest in the belief that he will do what they cannot.

Marketing Considerations: Connie Rae is a licensed counselor, working with families and youth at risk. She and her husband have been youth lay leaders in their church. They were parents of four teenagers, now grown with teenagers of their own. They lived with their own "lost" teenager until he, like the prodigal son, came home to take responsibility for his choices. Connie has been a speaker at conferences, seminars and workshops, and has taught classes in family issues. The author is willing to do whatever it takes to promote this book. She is currently developing a website to promote counseling helps, including this book. **Book Proposal ID:** RaC9880110 **Notes** Enthusiastic thumbs-up!

Category	Jones, Joseph M.
Prophecy	9891 Twp Rd 54 Mount Perry OH 43760
200 Pages	740-743-3263

Working Title: *Inside the Creation Code: A Timetable to Jesus' Return*

Summary: There is a pattern woven into the very first chapter of Genesis which repeats itself over and over throughout the Old and New Testaments. This book explores more than fifty examples of that pattern and shows how it relates to the end times and the return of Christ.

Marketing Considerations: The author's father has been in the ministry more than forty years and has a special interest in Revelation. Joseph Jones has thirteen years of Christian education, has written a number of devotionals for *Beside the Still Waters*, and has completed a post-graduate course in writing. He has contacts across the nation through the American Missionary Fellowship. **Book Proposal ID:** JoJ4376010

Category	Carr, Rick
Spiritual Growth	2629 N. West Oaks Drive Newcastle OK 73065
193 Pages	405-392-2121
	Email: rcarr@carrportraitart.com

Working Title: *He Is a Rewarder: A Blueprint for Growing in Grace*

Summary: We tend to approach the Christian life as certain things we do. As a result, our emphasis is on doing, and we wind up "doing" in our own strength. Our Christianity is weak, powerless, and does not appeal to the world (or to most Christians for that matter). We lack power to deal with the things life throws at us. We don't understand God's purpose. This book is about finding a spiritual foundation of faith and grace that will enable us to be overcomers, to walk in victory, and to live an effective Christian life in his power.

Marketing Considerations: The writer states he has "spent my life encouraging Christians to love and trust God. I have enough formal training, including seven semesters of Greek in college and seminary to equip me for effective Bible study. Mainly, I'm just a Christian who has spent my life getting to know God and ministering as the Lord has led. I am available to do seminars to share the message of this book." **Book Proposal ID:** CaR7306510

Category	Corcoran, Elisabeth K.
Spiritual Growth	43W593 Main Street Elburn IL 60119
107 Pages	630-533-3717
	Email: elisabethcorcoran@mchsi.com

Working Title: *He Is Just That Into You: Stories of a Faithful God*

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Who Pursues, Engages, and Has No Fear of Commitment

Summary: Since the beginning of time, the story goes, boy meets girl, then one ticks off the other, then they break up or look for greener pastures. Sometimes they hang onto each other through thick or thin. Whether we like it or not, women are basically programmed as girls to be on the lookout for Prince Charming. We expect that Prince Charming to meet all of our needs. That kind of ideal puts a lot of pressure on the men of the world. But what if the love we're really looking for can last a lifetime and then some? This book explores the faithful God who pursues, engages, and has no fear of commitment. His is a love that will not let you down, or walk away, or find someone else more appealing.

Marketing Considerations: Elisabeth Corcoran (BA, psychology, Trinity College, Deerfield, IL) is a popular women's speaker, through MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), the national Hearts at Home conferences, and other women's ministries. She is the author of *In Search of Calm* (Xulon, 2005) and *Calm in My Chaos* (Kregel, 2001) and is currently writing about the international AIDS crisis and the response of the Christian. She is married to Kevin (15 years) and is the mother of Sara and Jack. Her blog at <http://elisabethcorcoran.blogspot.com> is regularly updated. **Book Proposal ID:** CoE6011910

Category	Ware, Steve L.
Theology	Nyack College - New York City 361 Broadway New York NY 10013
175 Pages	646-378-6153
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Working Title: *Redeeming the Time:
Christianity, Chronology, and the End of the World*

Summary: *Redeeming the Time* explores first and foremost the practice of time measurement and why it was important in the early development of Christianity. Time measurement was already crucial for ancient peoples in understanding themselves, their world, and the cosmos. For early Christians, it had even more value as they sought to schedule the celebration of the most important event in human history—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This went hand-in-hand with understanding the larger picture—an incarnational interest not only in the life of Jesus but also in the intersection of divine and human history. This manuscript also raises some issues of historical and cultural apologia for the Christian faith. For instance, chapter three asks whether astronomical factors of imprecision in time measurement constitute an argument for divine origin. Chapter five raises the question of the best “Christian” date for Jesus’ birth. And chapter six counters the perception that Christianity in general, and the Roman Catholic Church in particular, were enemies of science during the Enlightenment.

Marketing Considerations: Steven L. Ware, Ph.D. is professor of historical theology at Nyack College in New York City, where he has taught for over ten years. He has written and presented widely on early Christianity and the Easter cycle as a member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the American Society of Church History, as well as in churches and the classroom. Ware is also the author of *Restorationism in the Holiness Movement* (Edwin Mellen, 2004). **Book Proposal ID:** WaS1001310

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Category	Hogrefe, Kristen	
Fiction	8291 Warbler Rd. Weeki Wachee FL 34613	
230 Pages	352-596-0210	Email: kjhogrefe@yahoo.com

Working Title: *Wings of the Dawn:
Captive Beneath the Bahamian Sky*

Summary: Targeting young adults ages 13-18, this is the first in an adventure series designed to help teens relate to God when their lives seem full of decisions and uncertainty. The protagonist is eighteen-year-old Abigail “Abby” Grant, a high school graduate whose summer takes an unexpected twist; the antagonist is Neil DeWitt, a twenty-something at odds with the law and with life. In the first book, the two cross paths when Abby accidentally discovers Neil’s involvement in an organized black market sale. Alongside her detective uncle, a skeptic of her Christian beliefs, Abby becomes involved in a dangerous mission that tests both her ingenuity and faith. The subplot follows Abby’s brothers and friends who learn from a restored DC-3 that God can use the most unlikely vessel to accomplish his will. When all parties wind up in the Bahamas, the climax reveals that true freedom is accepting God - that the real captive is one who rejects him.

Marketing Considerations: The writer is a graduate of Clearwater Christian College with a BA in English. Although Kristen Hogrefe began writing as a young teenager, this is her first work offered for publication. She is a copywriting supervisor for a marketing company in Brooksville, FL and a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church where she leads a young adult ensemble. **Book Proposal ID:** HoK3461310

Category	Carlson, June	
Fiction	7378 Heathley Dr. Lake Worth FL 33467	
130 Pages	561-966-3421	Email: jfcarlson@bellsouth.net

Working Title: *I Kissed the Face of God*

Summary: *I Kissed the Face of God* is fiction based on the known facts of the life of Mary, mother of Jesus, as she relates the wonderment and puzzling prophecies concerning the child of her unplanned pregnancy. A gentle woman, she tells how her life became a roller coaster of experiences of joys, gut-wrenching fears, peaceful times with a growing family and caring husband, and sorrows. She ends with her encounter with the risen Christ and his promised return.

Marketing Considerations: The writer has won third place in the novella contest at Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writer’s Conference and published in several publications of different denominations. Active in the Presbyterian church, now a grandparent, she has a background in bookkeeping. **Book Proposal ID:** CaJ3346710

Category	Ratcliffe, Simon	
Fiction	99 Henzel St. Kippa-Ring Queensland Australia 4021	
300 Pages	0061428902258	Email: simonpeterratcliffe@gmail.com

Working Title: *People of the Snow*

Summary: In a world parallel to ours, where Old Testament-style traditions still exist, and Adonai, a Christ figure, has recently been raised from the dead, *People of the Snow* follows the story of

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Cas, the second son of the King of Vangaard. Anointed by God to be the next king over the claims of his elder brother, Marcus, Cas is forced into exile and betrayed by those sent to protect him. Critically wounded, he is rescued by former slaves Setine, Rowl and Kinderley. Together with the help of the Artisan priest Pushkin and the mercenary Alden Longman, Cas and his travelling companions embark on a fight to win the war being waged against the believers of Adonai. But in doing so, each go through a testing journey of self-discovery, healing, and redemption before God brings about the full restoration of all his promises to them.

Marketing Considerations: Simon Ratcliffe has led a dual career as a teacher of English and theatre as well as a writer and director for the professional theatre. Working in both Australia and Britain, he has directed over a hundred productions, many of which he wrote and designed. In 2001 Simon was a finalist in the Premier's Writer Awards, Queensland, and in 2006 gained an Essex writing grant. He has illustrated several books and now lives near Brisbane, Australia.
Book Proposal ID: RaS4021 10

Category	Thomas, Patricia C.
Fiction	12175 N. Careytown Rd. Leesburg OH 45135
180 Pages	937-987-2778
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Working Title: *Cast Me Not Away:
The Pastor and the Professor Mystery*

Summary: "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" becomes tragically real on the campus of Emerick College. The innocent acts of three people ignite the Pennington Place fire with its life-changing consequences for everyone involved. The situation is further complicated when a young Somali refugee, driven out of hiding by the flames, seeks sanctuary in the home of a professor ill-prepared for the results of providing hospitality. By offering pastoral care to victim and perpetrator alike, the campus minister is quickly drawn into the investigation. Far more difficult is discerning what to do with the frightened illegal alien whose presence 'above ground' puts his life in danger. The recently married duo, Ruthalice Michels and Clifford Mowry, campus minister and professor of biology, are caught between their longing to respond from the heart and the requirements of the INS.

Marketing Considerations: Patricia C. Thomas writes from her own experience as a campus minister and religion professor serving a small rural Midwestern Quaker college. She is widely known in Quaker circles, does guest speaking and leads workshops and retreats where the book can be sold. Quaker magazines will publicize the book as well as the local independently owned bookstore. She has a half dozen magazine articles and writes regularly for the daily meditation publication "Fruit of the Vine_ . She patterns this mystery on those with a woman protagonist who leads an otherwise ordinary life and yet manages to solve the whodunit pretty much on her own initiative. **Book Proposal ID:** ThP4513510

Category	Olesen, Hamish
Fiction	10 Muir Place Te Puke Te Puke Ne 3119
150 Pages	
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Working Title: *The Implicate Order*

Summary: This is a first person crime story about a young man (Matt) who can see into the spiritual realm. When Matt is caught up in the murder of his mentor, his 'gift' is reawakened. The story

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covers the origins of his 'gift' (through flashbacks), and his subsequent struggle to have a 'normal' life.

Marketing Considerations: author's phone: 0064-7-5737273 (New Zealand)

Hamish Olesen lives in Te Puke, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, with his wife and three children. Outside of work (and apart from writing), he enjoys playing team sports, as well as watching movies and reading. He has studied and/or worked in the accounting industry since leaving secondary school and is currently an ACA member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. He has written poems, children's talks and short play scripts. **Book Proposal ID:** OIH3119 10

Category	Pisera Naman, Christine
Fiction	273 Newbury Dr. Monroeville PA 15146 412-389-7896
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Working Title: *The Believers*

Summary: This is the story of seventy-eight year old Rupert Holmes and ten year old Noah James, an unlikely duo, who after a chance meeting spend one secret summer together. Rupert, a well-weathered African American gentleman who has lived a life full of hardship without ever losing his self respect or faith has much to teach. And Noah, a small for his age, awkward little boy who would rather spend his days standing on his bed singing into a hairbrush pretending to be Tony Bennett than swimming at the pool with the rest of the boys has much to learn. Rupert becomes the teacher and Noah the student. Throughout the book which is the journey of their summer, they learn from one another; they laugh at life and its mishaps; and they cry over sadness, all while discovering the joy of good music and pondering and celebrating their deep love of God. They forge a bond that will last them a lifetime. Separately, they don't quite fit in, together they fit perfectly. Together they are *The Believers*.

Marketing Considerations: Christine Pisera Naman is the author of three published books, *Faces of Hope*, (Health Communications Incorporated 2002), *Caterpillar Kisses* (Doubleday Religion 2005), *Christmas Lights* (Doubleday Religion 2007). She has eagerly participated in the marketing of each book giving magazine and newspaper interviews as well as appearing on radio programs and television news shows. **Book Proposal ID:** PiC1514610

Category	VanCleave, Richard
Fiction	16118 132 nd Ave E Puyallup WA 98374 253-208-5728
350 Pages	Email: richardvc@hotmail.com

Working Title: *Children of the Crucible*

Summary: Son of a popular Roman senator, raised in an upper-class home with all of the best life has to offer, Alex is ready to embark on his own path to success in the corrupt world of Roman politics. But one night he overhears his father explaining that he isn't really Alex's father after all. He is his uncle. Alex comes to suspect that his mother was a member of the illegal yet growing faith called The Way. Alex strives to disprove what he ultimately discovers is the truth: that his mother died as a martyr because of her belief in Christ. Through a Christian man he meets in the marketplace, Alex become more interested in his mother's faith. As his interest in the savior grows, he is forced to make a decision between the One his mother died worshipping and the materialistic gods of his family and peers. The writer notes, "I've made changes based on specific feedback from literary agents. The changes include generalizing the time frame to

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the early church period.” Will he be able to overcome the pull of his uncle and cousins to deny this faith? Will he risk banishment and even prison in order to pursue his own salvation? Across the Mediterranean a young Christian girl named Julia prays for a boy she’s heard of but never met while facing her life-changing decisions. Should she marry the man selected by her adopted father because “it’s getting late” to be married? Her only other options are taking the lifetime vow of chastity or, against her father’s wishes, waiting for someone she might love. What she doesn’t know is that she is about to meet the young man she’s been waiting for, and that both her and Alex’s mothers died together for Christ.

Marketing Considerations: This book could stand alone or be the first in a series. The modern movement toward emulating the early church makes this setting an excellent one that many readers will enjoy. The focus of the story is on two young people trying to find their place in a world that pulls at them from every direction. At the same time, the early church setting will be enjoyable for the many Christians interested in the heroes of our faith that lived in a time when Christianity wasn’t mainstream. **Book Proposal ID:** VaR9838708

Note to Publishers: Our Policy for Qualified Publishers

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