

# The Pastor Recommends

## For 2009 Graduates...



### **New Beginnings Words and Music for Graduates**

**Publisher:** Abingdon Press  
**Publication Date:** 02/09  
**Binding:** Book with CD-ROM  
**ISBN-13:** 9781426700279  
**Retail Price:** \$15.00  
**Discount Price:** \$12.00  
**Author:** Celia Whitler

Using song lyrics, Scripture, and personal observations, this gift book shows graduates that life is a journey of growing up, starting over, and forging new beginnings. Celia Whitler's song "Love Will Lead the Way" provides the lyrics for this inspirational book that both encourages and challenges graduates as they take the step into the next phase of their lives.

Included in the back of the book is a three-song audio CD by Celia Whitler featuring "Love Will Lead the Way", "The Best is Yet to Come" and "Live Christ."

*The end of your beginning is where you are today.  
 No small task to come this far, it's written on your face.  
 No one gets here all alone, and we're not here to stay.  
 As you go, remember this – love will lead the way.*

[Click here to listen to a clip](#)  
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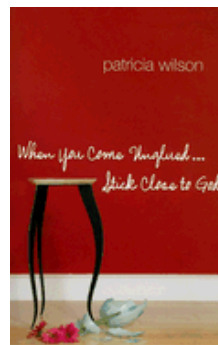
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### **Apprenticed to Hope A Sourcebook for Difficult Times**

**Publisher:** AUGSBURG  
**FORTRESS PUBL**  
**Publication Date:** 03/09  
**Binding:** Paperback  
**ISBN-13:** 9780806657646  
**Retail Price:** \$14.99  
**Discount Price:**  
**Author:** Julie E Neraas

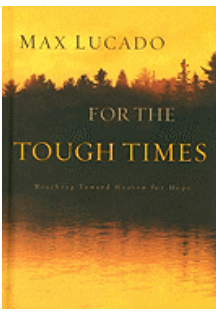
With emphasis on its spiritual and religious dimensions, *Apprenticed to Hope: A Sourcebook for Difficult Times*, is a compelling compilation of thirty-two essays exploring the nature of hope. Julie Neraas draws from a wide range of sources, offering many different ways to think about hope. She considers hope's relationship with faith, the human imagination, and community; distinguishes authentic hope from optimism and false hope, and draws upon her own experience with chronic illness, as well as what she has learned from places where hope is tested. Additionally, she addresses contemporary questions about where we can look for sources of hope in turbulent times.



### **When You Come Unglued, Stick Close to God**

**Publisher:** Upper Room  
**Publication Date:** 09/07  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**9780835899185**  
**Retail Price:** \$13.00  
**Discount Price:** \$9.10  
**Author:** Patricia Wilson

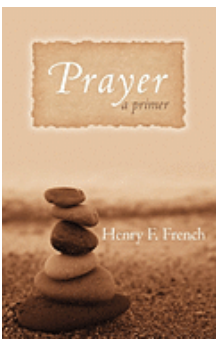
Wilson is an exuberant storyteller whose anecdotes all point to the good news: God loves you and wants you to enjoy a life abundant in blessings, freedom, and opportunity. With her folksy wisdom she shows readers how to dump their baggage, resist stress, loosen up, and begin simply to be the unique individuals God created each one to be. Wilson's optimism is irresistible and transforming, whether the reader picks up the book alone or enjoys it in a small group.



**For The Tough Times  
Reaching Toward Heaven  
for Hope**

**Publisher:** NELSONWORD PUB  
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**Publication Date:** 12/08  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**ISBN-13:** 9780849921445  
**Retail Price:** \$10.99  
**Discount Price:** \$8.24  
**Author:** Max Lucado

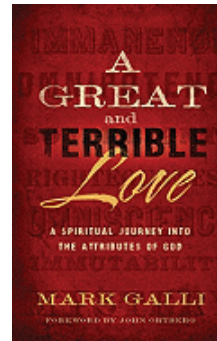
When tragedy strikes, many people desperately search for answers by turning to God. Bestselling author and pastor Lucado believes that prayer is the only real answer to tragedy and crisis and helps readers understand how to pray despite their doubt and fear.



**Prayer  
A Primer**

**Publisher:** AUGSBURG  
FORTRESS PUBL  
**Publication Date:** 03/09  
**Binding:** Paperback  
**ISBN-13:** 9780806657660  
**Retail Price:** \$13.99  
**Discount Price:**  
**Author:** Henry French

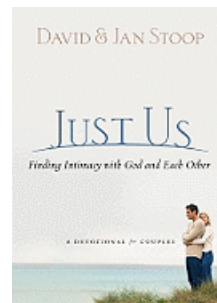
Prayer is often identified by people of faith as of first importance in the life of faith, at the same time, it is one of the least understood and least consistently used of spiritual practices among ordinary Christians. Prayer: A Primer, clears up misconceptions and myths about prayer that often stand in the way of actually praying, and offers the reader "a way in" to a life grounded in and enriched by daily prayer. A variety of forms of verbal prayer, meditation, and contemplation (or the prayer of silence) are clearly described with the needs and questions of beginners at prayer in mind. The book aims - through prayer - to move beginners at prayer to a growing and deepening awareness of God's presence in our complex and often morally ambiguous world.



**A Great and Terrible Love  
The Unexpected Embrace of  
a Holy God**

**Publisher:** Baker Book House  
**Publication Date:** 03/09  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**ISBN-13:** 9780801012952  
**Retail Price:** \$17.99  
**Discount Price:** \$13.49  
**Author:** Mark Galli

Through this thorough exploration, Galli deftly shows readers how the unnerving news of God's remoteness becomes the good news of his great love. Anyone who yearns for both a more majestic understanding of God and a more intimate relationship with him will welcome this clear and fresh treatment.



**Just Us  
Finding Intimacy with God  
and Each Other**

**Publisher:** REGAL BOOKS  
**Publication Date:** 01/2009  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**ISBN-13:** 9780830746286  
**Retail Price:** \$14.99  
**Discount Price:** \$11.24  
**Author:** David Stoop, Jan Stoop

Marriages have a better opportunity of thriving when couples spend time together with God. In Just In just a few minutes each day, couples will focus on God's view of marriage, how God blesses marriage, how to grow in love and intimacy, faithfulness, improving communication, resolving conflicts, the roles of husband and wife, building trust, forgiveness, the importance of prayer and how to have an intentional marriage. By setting aside short daily times together each week, every couple has the opportunity to plant these themes deeper into their lives.