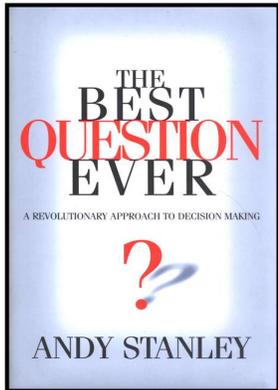


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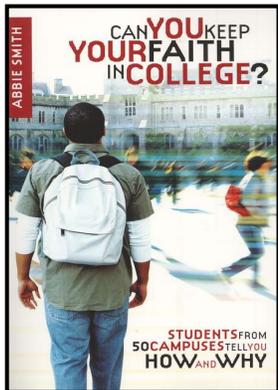


### **The Best Question Ever** by Andy Stanley

We've all done some dumb things. We all have regrets. Yet none of us *plan* to mess up our lives. Why, then, does it keep happening?

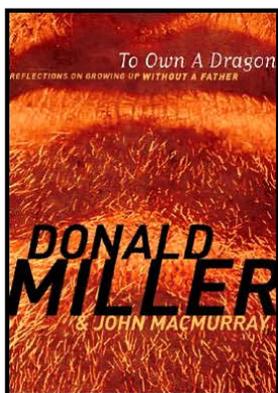
Life doesn't have to be that way. As this book shows, you can foolproof your life. God's promise and pattern is for something better. This book probes for *honesty*—it pushes us to open our eyes and helps us expose our little (and big) self-deceptions. Prepare yourself. You are about to be introduced to a single question that will revolutionize the way you make decisions.

In *The Best Question Ever*, Andy Stanley effectively teaches the practical and lasting value of simply asking this question about our actions in all of life's arenas: ***What is the wise thing for me to do, in light of my past experience, my present circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams?***



### **Can You Keep Your Faith in College?** by Abbie Smith

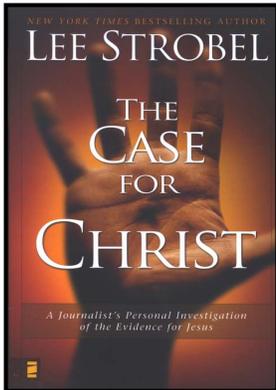
Temptation abounds in college as students are immersed in the trappings of the "real" world. So, can you keep a God-centered, adventure-based, Christ-driven life throughout college? Abbie Smith found the answer to be a resounding "YES!" Packed with encouragement specifically for these trying years, *Can You Keep Your Faith in College?* compiles experiences shared by students from campuses across the nation. You're not alone in your struggle to maintain the faith you carried with you when you first set foot on campus. This book targets pertinent issues college students face, including "The Transition," academics, dorm life, peer pressure, extracurricular activities, sports, Greek life, dating, studying abroad, racial relations, and "God's Surprise Encounters." Don't let your faith whittle away; build it up! It's what defines you.



### **To Own A Dragon** by Donald Miller with John MacMurray

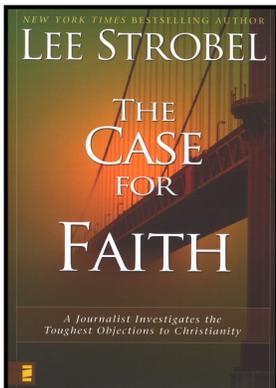
The need for good fathers (and growing up without one) is the main theme of *To Own a Dragon*. Humorous and honest, Miller makes an affable poster boy for a generation of adult children whose parents divorced and whose fathers split. Miller's own biological father left when he was in diapers and Miller's child-like (though not childish) way of processing life confronts many realities which he—now in his early thirties—is just beginning to understand and feel as loss. Writing ("remembering" might be more accurate) with John MacMurray, Miller's surrogate father for four years during his early twenties, he relates his story of absent parental authority and his youth devoid of passed-down paternal wisdom.

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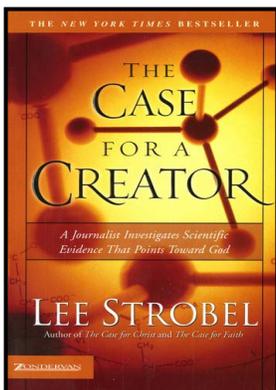
### **The Case For Christ** by Lee Strobel

There's little question that he actually lived. But miracles? Rising from the dead? Some of the stories you hear about him sound like just that—stories. A reasonable person would never believe them, let alone the claim that he's the only way to God! But a reasonable person would also make sure that he or she understood the facts before jumping to conclusions. That's why Lee Strobel—an award-winning legal journalist with a knack for asking tough questions—decided to investigate Jesus for himself. An atheist, Strobel felt certain his findings would bring Christianity's claims about Jesus tumbling down like a house of cards. But, what he found instead was the surprise of his life. Join him as he retraces his journey from skepticism to faith. You'll consult expert testimony as you sift through the truths that history, science, psychiatry, literature, and religion reveal. Like Strobel, you'll be amazed at the evidence—how much there is, how strong it is, and what it says.



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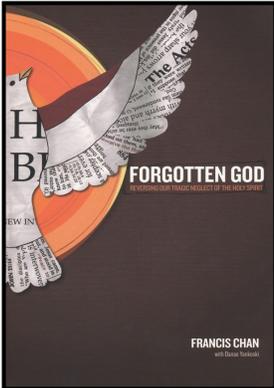
In *The Case for Christ*, legally trained investigative reporter Lee Strobel examines the claims of Christ, reaching the hard-won verdict that Jesus is God's unique son. But despite the compelling historical evidence that Strobel presents, many people grapple with serious concerns about faith in God. As in a court of law, they want to shout, 'Objection!' They say, 'If God is love, then what about all the suffering in our world?' Or, 'If Jesus is the door to heaven, then what about the millions who have never heard of him?' Or, 'If God cares for everyone, then why does he eternally torture some in hell?' In *The Case for Faith*, Strobel turns his tenacious investigative skills to the most persistent emotional objections to belief--the eight 'heart' barriers to faith. *The Case for Faith* is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus but who are faced with formidable intellectual barriers standing squarely in their path. For Christians, it will deepen their convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with even their most skeptical friends.



### **The Case For The Creator** by Lee Strobel

During his academic years, Lee Strobel became convinced that God was outmoded, a belief that colored his ensuing career as an award-winning journalist at the Chicago Tribune. Science had made the idea of a Creator irrelevant—or so Strobel thought. But today science is pointing in a different direction. In recent years, a diverse and impressive body of research has increasingly supported the conclusion that the universe was intelligently designed. At the same time, Darwinism has faltered in the face of concrete facts and hard reason. Has science discovered God? At the very least, it's giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Join Strobel as he reexamines the theories that once led him away from God. Through his compelling and highly readable account, you'll encounter the mind-stretching discoveries from cosmology, cellular biology, DNA research, astronomy, physics, and human consciousness that present astonishing evidence in *The Case for a Creator*.

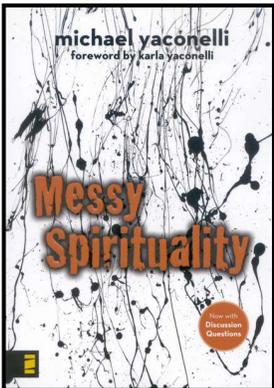
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### **Forgotten God** by Francis Chan

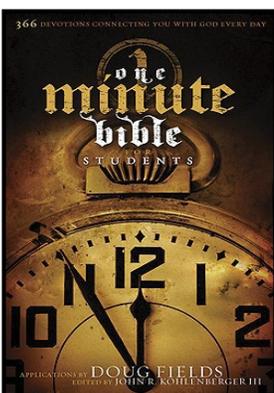
In the name of the Father, the Son, and ... the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two? As Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit—the Helper—so that we could be true and living witnesses for Christ. Unfortunately, today's church has admired the gift but neglected to open it.

Breakthrough author Francis Chan rips away paper and bows to get at the true source of the church's power—the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and we are reaping the disastrous results. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.



### **Messy Spirituality** by Mike Yaconelli

Do you ever feel this way: I don't pray enough, I don't read my Bible enough, I don't share my faith enough, I don't love God enough, I'm not committed enough, I'm not spiritual enough? Then this book is for you. *Messy Spirituality* was written for the silent majority of us who have been convinced that we just don't do Christianity right. We spend most of our lives worried about what we don't do instead of what we have done, focused on our imperfections instead of God's fondness for the imperfect. Why? Because we've been bombarded with books, tapes, talks, seminars, and movies convincing us that real Christianity is all about perfection. Michael Yaconelli dares to suggest that imperfection, infiniteness, and messiness are, in fact, the earmarks of true Christianity; that real Christianity is messy, erratic, lopsided . . . and gloriously liberating. What if genuine faith begins with admitting we will never have our act completely together? Maybe messy disciples are exactly the kind of imperfect people Jesus came to earth for and



### **One Minute Bible for Students** by Doug Fields

You've committed yourself to more Bible reading plans than you care to admit and you're 187 chapters behind in your latest attempt. If this sounds familiar, then the *One Minute Bible for Students* is what you need to get back and stay on track. Do the math. There are 1400 minutes in a day. It will take you *One Minute* to read a passage of Scripture. "Hey, that's doable!" Additionally, veteran youth pastor Doug Fields has contributed some great insights to help you apply these short, one-minute Scripture readings to your every day life.

Special one minute features include: • devotionals • commentary • theological words defined in simple terms • personality profiles • unique, weird, and humorous facts... all designed to help you discover and fall in love with God's love letter to you.