

Inspirational Fiction



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Adventure

Lisa Tawn Bergren (Romantic)
Gilbert Morris
James Redfield

Family Sagas

Dean Hughes (Children of the Promise)
Gilbert Morris (House of Winslow)
Jane Peart (American Quilt)
Bodie Thoene (Shiloh Legacy)

Fantasy

Orson Scott Card (Wyrms)
Stephen Lawhead (Pendragon Cycle)
C. S. Lewis (Narnia)
J. R. R. Tolkien

Historical

Beverly Lewis
Gerald Lund
Gilbert Morris
Janette Oke
Michael Phillips
Bodie & Brock Thoene

Humor

Joni Hilton
Robert Farrell Smith

Literary

Graham Greene
John Irving
Flannery O'Connor
Sheri Reynolds
John Updike

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Non-Christian Religious Fiction

Buddhist

Burdett, John. *Bangkok 8*
Pattison, Eliot. *Beautiful Ghosts*

Hindu

Desai, Kiran. *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard*

Islam

Hosseini, Khaled. *The Kite Runner* [Afghanistan]
Mahfuz, Najib. *Children of the Alley* [Egypt],
Midaq Alley [Egypt],
Palace Walk (The Cairo Trilogy) [Egypt]
Pamuk, Orhan. *My Name is Red* [Muslim],
Snow [Turkey]
Rushdie, Salman. *The Satanic Verses*
Said, Kurban. *Ali and Nino*
Sidhwa, Bapsi. *Cracking India*
Tarr, Judith. *Alamut* [Sci-Fi]
Ali, Monica. *Brick Lane* [Bangladesh]
Suri, Manil. *The Death of Vishnu* [India]

Jewish

**Goldstein, Rebecca. *Mazel*
**Goodman, Allegra. *Kaaterskill Falls*
Hamill, Pete. *Snow in August* [Jewish & Catholic]
Malamud, Bernard. *The Fixer*
Potok, Chaim. *The Chosen*,
My Name is Asher Lev
Ragen, Naomi. *Sotah*
Wouk, Herman. *Marjorie Morningstar*

Teen

Bat-Ami, Miriam. *Two Suns in the Sky* [Jewish & Catholic]
Fletcher, Susan. *Shadow Spinner* [Islam]
Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Leaving Fishers* [Cult]
Levitin, Sonia. *The Return* [Jewish]
The Singing Mountain [Jewish]
Napoli, Donna Jo. *Song of the Magdalene* [Jewish]
Nye, Naomi Shihab. *Habibi* [Jewish/Islam]
Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind* [Islam]
Yolen, Jane & Bruce Coville. *Armageddon Summer* [Cult]

Mystery

Terri Blackstock
Dan Brown
Ellis Peters
Betsy Brannon Green
Linda Hall
Clair Poulson

Romance

Michele Ashman Bell
Lori Copeland
Rachel Ann Nunes
Janette Oke
Lori Wick

Science fiction

James Blish
Orson Scott Card (Homecoming Saga)
Stephen Lawhead (Dream Thief)

Thriller

T. Davis Bunn
Dee Henderson
Martinez Hewlett
Jerry Jenkins & Tim LaHaye
Frank Peretti

Western

Janette Oke
Tracie Peterson (Westward Chronicles)
Bodie & Brock Thoene (Saga of the Sierras)

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Characteristics

Christian Fiction always has plot lines dealing with Biblical characters or stories or the testing of Christian values. They can generally be broken into four categories:

1. Stories about the people, places or times of the Bible.
2. Romances with a religious perspective.
3. Contemporary stories where Christian values are tested by the “real” world.
4. Stories where Christian “Ethos” (the sentiment, moral nature or guiding beliefs) reflect Christian values.

Christian fiction can often be identified by the publisher. Major Christian Publishers include: Baker Book House; Bethany House; Crossway Books; Harvest House; Moody Press; Thomas Nelson; Steeple Hill; Tyndale; Waterbrook and Zondervan. Major LDS Publishers include: Cedar Fort; Covenant; Deseret Book; and Spring Creek. The Provo Library usually identifies Christian Fiction with a dove label on the book spine, and LDS Fiction with the letters LDS on the spine.

Inspirational Fiction is more broad based. Instead of dwelling on the religious aspects of faith they emphasize morals, values and life lessons.

TEEN

Baer, Judy. *Lonely Girl,*
Never Too Late,
The Discovery
Cooney, Caroline. *What Child is This? A Christmas Story*
++Fleischman, Paul. *Whirligig*
++Gunn, Robin Jones. *Summer Promise*
++Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Leaving Fishers*
Morpurgo, Michael. *War of Jenkins' Ear*
Nolan, Man. *Send Me Down a Miracle,*
When We Were Saints
Paulsen, Gary. *The Tent: A Parable in One Sitting*
Rylant, Cynthia. *A Fine White Dust*
++Seymour, Tres. *The Revelation of Saint Bruce*

MELTING POT

Novels that are inspirational in nature but do not fit easily within the most common genres.

ANGELS

Ansay, A. Manette. *River Angel*

Copeland, Lori and Angela Hunt. *The Island of Heavenly Daze (Heavenly Daze)*

Tazewell, Charles. *Make Me a Miracle*

LITERARY

Hall, Linda. *Sadie's Song*

Irving, John. *A Prayer for Owen Meany*

Reynolds, Sheri. *The Rapture of Canaan*

**Thoene, Brock. *The Legend of Storey County*

Updike, John. *In the Beauty of the Lilies*

MORALITY TALES

Douglas, Lloyd C. *Magnificent Obsession*

Hunt, Angela & Bill Myers. *Then Comes Marriage*

Jenkins, Jerry B. *Though None Go with Me*

Kingsbury, Karen. *Waiting for Morning*

**Rivers, Francine. *The Atonement Child*

NOSTALGIA

** Jenkins, Jerry B. *Hometown Legend*

**Karon, Jan. *At Home in Mitford (The Mitford Years)*

**Stokes, Penelope. *The Blue Bottle Club*

POPULAR

Alexander, Hannah. *Sacred Trust (The Healing Touch)*

++Evans, Richard Paul. *The Christmas Box (Christmas Box)*

Fischer, John. ***Saint Ben,*

***The Saints' and Angels' Song*

Gulley, Philip. *Home to Harmony*

Jenkins, Jerry. *The Youngest Hero*

++**Martel, Yann. *Life of Pi*

Morris, Gilbert. ***All the Glitters,*

Through a Glass Darkly

Peterson, Tracie. ***A Slender Thread*

Seuss, Dr. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Some Suggested Inspirational Fiction Titles by Subgenre

- If a title is followed by a series name in parentheses, the listed title is first in the series.
- Information in brackets indicates specific geographic location, time period, event, or genre.
- **Asterisks indicate adult books that would be appropriate for teens.
- ++Plus signs indicate Inspirational (not necessarily Christian) titles.

Classics

British

Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim's Progress* (1678)
Goldsmith, Oliver. *Vicar of Wakefield* (1766)
MacDonald, George. *The Maiden's Bequest* (1865),
The Laird's Inheritance (1882)
Lewis, C. S. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (1950),
The Great Divorce (1945),
The Screwtape Letters (1938),
Out of the Silent Planet (Ransom series - Science Fiction)
Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Hobbit* (1937),
The Fellowship of the Ring (1954) (*The Lord of the Rings*),
The Silmarillion (1974)

American

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter* (1850)
Stowe, Harriet Beecher. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1853)
Wallace, Lew. *Ben-Hur* (1880)
Douglas, Lloyd C. *The Robe* (1942)
Hill, Grace Livingston. (117 romance novels between 1900-1946)

World

Dostoevsky, Fyodor. *The Brothers Karamazov* (1880),
The Idiot (1869)
Sienkiewicz, Henryk. *Quo Vadis* (1895)
Stendhal (Marie Henri Beyle). *The Red and the Black* (1830)

Amish, Mennonite, and Quaker Fiction

**Bender, Carrie. *A Fruitful Vine (Miriam's Journal)* [Amish]
Gulley, Philip. *Home to Harmony (Harmony)* [Quaker]
Jackson, Dave. *Lost River Conspiracy* [Mennonite]
Lewis, Beverly. ***The Shunning (Heritage of Lancaster County)* [Amish],
The Postcard [Amish],
The Crossroad [Amish]
***The Redemption of Sarah Cain* [Amish]
Lewis, Beverly & David. *Sanctuary* [Amish]
Myers, Tamar. *Too Many Crooks Spoil the Broth (A Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery)* [Mennonite]
**Oke, Janette. *The Calling of Emily Evans (Women of the West)*
[Mennonite]
Picoult, Jodi. *Plain Truth* [Amish]
**West, Jessamyn. *Friendly Persuasion* [Quaker]
Williamson, Penelope. *The Outsider* [Amish]

Teen

Borntrager, Mary Christner. *Ellie (Ellie's People)*
Heuston, Kimberley Burton. *The Shakeress* [Shaker & Mormon]
McDaniel, Lurlene. *The Angels Trilogy* [Amish]

Teen

Anderson, C. B. *Book of Mormon Sleuth (series)*
Crane, Cheri J. *Kate's Turn (series)*,
The Girls Next Door,
Moment of Truth
Gostick, Adrian Robert. *Impressing Jeanette*
Heimerdinger, Chris. *Tennis Shoes Among the Nephites (Tennis Shoes series)*,
Passage to Zarahemla
Hughes, Dean. *Hooper Haller*
Johnson-Choong, Shelly. *Finding Home*,
River Home
McKendrick, Lisa. *A Life of My Own*
Norton, Tamra. *Molly Mormon?*
Rowley, Brent. *My Body Fell Off! (Light Travelers)*
Weyland, Jack. *Charley*,
Brittany,
Saving Kristen

Biblical Fiction

For most of the 20th Century, Biblical fiction was "Christian fiction". Biblical fiction gives a fictionalized, religious perspective of the people, places and times of the Bible.

Old Testament

Card, Orson Scott. *Stone Tables* [Egyptian captivity],
***Sarah* (Women of Genesis series)
Coelho, Paul. *The Fifth Mountain* [Elijah]
Diamant, Anita. *The Red Tent* [Dinah]
Rivers, Francine. *Unveiled (Lineage of Grace series)* [O.T. women]

New Testament

Caldwell, Taylor. *I, Judas*
Holmes, Marjorie. *Two from Galilee* [Mary & Joseph],
Three from Galilee [Mary, Joseph & Jesus],
The Messiah [Ministry & Crucifixion]
Lund, Gerald. *Fishers of Men (The Kingdom & the Crown Series)*
Mailer, Norman. *The Gospel According to the Son*
Mandino, Og. *Christ Commission* [Time travel to Israel A.D. 36]
Wallace, Lew. *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* [Jewish nobleman]
Watts, Murray. *The Miracle Maker* [view of Jesus by Tamar]

Early Christianity

Caldwell, Taylor. *Great Lion of God* [Paul]
Costain, Thomas. *The Silver Chalice* [Cup of Last Supper]
Douglas, Lloyd. *The Robe* [Soldier who crucifies Jesus]
Mills, James R. *Memoirs of Pontius Pilate*
Rivers, Francine. *Voice in the Wind* (Mark of the Lion trilogy)
[Christian persecution following Crucifixion]
Slaughter, Frank. *The Road to Bithynia* [Luke]
Wangerin, Walter. *Paul*

Teen

Napoli, Donna Jo. *Song of the Magdalene* [Mary Magdalene]

Historical Inspirational Fiction

Fifth Century

Windsor, Linda. *Maire (Fires of Gleannmara)* [British Isles]

Twelfth Century

Lawhead, Stephen R. *The Iron Lance (The Celtic Crusades)* [Ireland]

Fifteenth Century

Marcantel, Pamela. *An Army of Angels* [Joan of Arc]

Sixteenth Century

Ball, David W. *Ironfire: a novel of the Knights of Malta and the Last Battle of the Crusades*

Seventeenth Century

Hunt, Angela Elwell. *Roanoke: the Lost Colony (Keepers of the Ring)* [Colonial America]

Eighteenth Century

**Oke, Janette & T. Davis Bunn. *The Meeting Place (Song of Acadia)* [Canada]

Crawford, Dianna. *Freedom's Promise (Reardon Brothers)* [Colonial America]

Morris, Gilbert. *Sound the Trumpet (Liberty Bell Series)* [Colonial America]

Morris, Gilbert & Aaron McCarver. *Over the Misty Mountains (Spirit of Appalachia)* [Colonial America]

Romance

Alien, Nancy Campbell. *Love Beyond Time*

Echoes Bell, Michele Ashman. *An Unexpected Love, Finding Paradise*

Bessey, Sian Ann. *Deception*

Blair, Kerry. *Digging up the Past*

Hansen, Jennie. *The River Path, High Stakes*

Jolley, JoAnn. *Secrets of the Heart*

Nunes, Rachel Ann. *Ariana, the Making of the Queen (Ariana Series),*

Twice in a Lifetime,

Winter Fire

Reid, Pamela Carrington. *Safe Harbor*

St. James, Sierra. *Masquerade*

Stansfield, Anita. *First Love and Forever, The Guardian (Gables of Legacy)*

Mystery

Adair, Liz. *The Lodger (Spider Latham Mysteries), The Mist of Quarry Harbor*

Gardner, Lynn. *Emeralds and Espionage (series)*

Green, Betsy Brannon. *Hearts in Hiding, Silenced*

Grossman, Jeni. *Beneath the Surface*

Poulson, Clair. *I'll Find You, Cover Up*

Pratt, Sheralyn. *Spies, Lies and a Pair of Ties*

Roos, Steve. *Double Jeopardy*

Savage, Jeffrey S. *Into the Fire*

Science fiction

Card, Orson Scott. *The Folk of the Fringe,*

The Memory of Earth (The Homecoming Saga),

***Seventh Son (The Tales of Alvin Maker)*

LDS Fiction

Historical Fiction

Alien, N. C. *A House Divided (Faith of our Fathers)*
Ashby, Clarin D. *Saints and Raging Seas*
Borrowman, Jerry. *'Til the Boys Come Home*
Carter, Ron. *Our Sacred Honor (Prelude to Glory)*
Dewey, Richard Lloyd. *The Porter Rockwell Chronicles*
Hughes, Dean. *Rumors of War (Children of the Promise),*
The Writing on the Wall (Hearts of the Children)
Lund, Gerald N. *A Pillar of Light (Work and the Glory),*
Fire of the Covenant,
Fishers of Men (The Kingdom & the Crown)
Marcum, Robert. *The Return (House of Israel)*
Mouritsen, Laurel. *In Quest of Zion (The Kade Family Saga)*
Nelson, Lee. *Storm Testament (series)*
Sorensen, Michele. *Broken Lance*
Whipple, Maurine. *Giant Joshua*
Woolley, David G. *Pillar of Fire (Promised Land)*
Young, Margaret Blair & Darius Alden Gray. *One More River to*
Cross (Standing on the Promises Trilogy)

Contemporary Fiction

Arnold, Marilyn. *Desert Song*
**Card, Orson Scott. *Lost Boys*
Call, Jeff. *Mormonville*
Hedley, Leslie Beaton. *Twelve Sisters*
Herrald, Harley. *Mountain Cabin*
Hilton, Joni. *As the Ward Turns,*
Scrambled Home Evenings
Jarvis, Sharon Downing *Fresh Start if Fairhaven (Fairhaven*
Chronicles)
Mangum, Kay Lynn. *The Secret Journal of Brett Colton*
Poulson, Clair. *Relentless,*
I'll Find You
Smith, Robert F. *Baptists at Our Barbeque,*
The Miracle of Forgetness,
All is Swell (Trust Williams Trilogy),
Loves Labors Tossed
Terry, R. K. *A Familiar Ring*

Nineteenth Century

Blackwell, Lawana. *The Maiden of Mayfair* [England],
Like a River Glorious (Victorian Serenade) [England]
Chaikin, Linda. *For Whom the Stars Shine* [Hawaii]
Gillenwater, Sharon. *Highland Call* [England]
Hoff, B. J. *Cloth of Heaven (Song of Erin)* [Ireland],
Song of the Silent Harp (Ballads of the Emerald Isle)
Morris, Lynn & Gilbert. ***Stars for a Light (Cheney Duvall)* [U.S.]
Noble, Diane. *The Veil* [U.S. - Mormon]
Peart, Jane. *Web of Deception* [England]
Price, Eugenia. *The Waiting Time* [U.S. - Civil War]
Snelling, Lauraine. *An Untamed Land (Red River of the North),*
A Dream to Follow (Return to Red River) [U.S.],
Daughter of Twin Oaks (A Secret Refuge) [U.S. - Civil War]
Thoene, Bodie & Brock. *Only the River Runs Free (Galway*
Chronicles) [Ireland]
**Wick, Lori. *The Hawk and the Jewel (Kensington Chronicles)* [England]

Twentieth Century

**Cavanaugh, Jack. *While Mortals Sleep (Songs in the Night)*
[Germany]
Giardina, Denise. *Saints and Villains* [Germany]
Miller, Calvin. *Snow* [U.S. - Depression]
Phillips, Michael R. & Judith Pella. *The Crown and the Crucible*
(The Russians) [Russia]
Phillips, Michael. *Wild Grows the Heather in Devon (Secrets of*
Heathersleigh Hall) [England]
Simon, Frank. *Trial by Fire* [Germany]
Thoene, Bodie & Brock. *Vienna Prelude (Zion Covenant)* [Israel],
The Gates of Zion (Zion Chronicles) [Israel],
Jerusalem Vigil (Zion Legacy) [Israel]

Teen

Craven, Margaret. *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*
Garden, Nancy. *Dove and Sword: a novel of Joan of Arc*
Marshall, Catherine. Christy,
Julie
Rivers, Francine. *The Last Sin Eater*

Inspirational Westerns

Romantic Westerns

Romantic Westerns feature heroines rather than heroes in a western setting. Historical events are used as a backdrop to the heroine saving the ranch.

- Copeland, Lori. *Faith (Brides of the West)*
Heitzmann, Kristen. *Honor's Pledge (Rocky Mountain Legacy)*,
The Rose Legacy (Diamond of the Rockies)
Orcutt, Jane. *The Fugitive Heart (Heart's True Desire)*
Peart, Jane. *The Heart's Lonely Secret*
Pella, Judith & Tracie Peterson. *Westward the Dream (Ribbons West)*
Peterson, Tracie. *A Shelter of Hope (Westward Chronicles)*,
Treasures of the North (Yukon Quest)
Phillips, Michael. *My Father's World (Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister)*
**Wick, Lori. *Whatever Tomorrow Brings (The Californians)*,
***Where the Wild Rose Blooms (Rocky Mountain Memories)*,
Every Little Thing About You (Yellow Rose Trilogy)

Prairie Romance Westerns

In Prairie Romances, the girl heads west, she has trials that bring her closer to God and finds her man along the way. They're usually set in pioneer farming communities on the American or Canadian prairies, which play an important part in the story.

- **Bacher, June Masters. *Love is a Gentle Stranger (Pioneer Romance, series 1)*,
Journey to Love (Pioneer Romance, series 2)
**Freedman, Benedict. *Mrs. Mike (Mrs. Mike series)*
Glover, Ruth. *A Place Called Bliss (Saskatchewan Saga)*
Hatcher, Robin Lee. *Dear Lady (Coming to America)*
Morgan, Kathleen. *Daughter of Joy (Brides of Culdee Creek)*
**Oke, Janette. *Beyond the Gathering Storm*,
When Calls the Heart (Canadian West),
Love Comes Softly (Love Comes Softly),
***The Tender Years (Prairie Legacy)*,
Once Upon a Summer (Seasons of the Heart),
The Calling of Emily Evans (Women of the West)
Palmer, Catherine. *Prairie Rose (A Town Called Hope)*

THRILLERS

- Barnhardt, Wilton. *Gospel*
Day, Marele. *Lambs of God*
Hewlett, Martinez. *Divine Blood*
Montalbano, William. *Basilica*
O'Brien, Michael D. *Father Elijah: an Apocalypse*
Perez-Reverte, Arturo. *The Seville Communion*

SCIENCE FICTION

- Blish, James. *A Case of Conscience*
**Miller, Walter M., Jr. *A Canticle for Leibowitz*,
Saint Leibowitz and the Wild Horse Woman
Russell, Mary Doria. *The Sparrow*,
Children of God

VATICAN

- Brown, Dan. *Angels and Demons*,
Da Vinci Code
De Rosa, Peter. *Pope Patrick*
Flynn, Raymond. *The Accidental Pope*
O'Brien, Michael. *Father Elijah (Children of the Last Days)*
Shapiro, David. *The Promise of God*
Sheehan, Edward R. F. *Cardinal Galsworthy*
Szulc, Tad. *To Kill the Pope*
Tobin, Greg. *Conclave*
West, Morris. *The Devil's Advocate*,
Eminence,
The Shoes of the Fisherman (Trilogy)

TEEN

- Bat-Ami, Miriam. *Two Suns in the Sky* [Catholic & Jewish]
Cushman, Karen. *Matilda Bone*
Marchetta, Melina. *Looking for Alibrandi*
Temple, Frances. *Ramsay Scallop*

ANDREW GREELEY

Andrew Greeley is a very prolific author who also happens to be a priest. The novels he wrote in the 1980s, *Patience of a Saint*, *The Search for Maggie Ward*, etc., were very controversial in the Catholic community - mostly because of sexual content. His post-1990 novels have moved away from Catholic doctrinal discussions and are now more entertaining mysteries with Catholic characters, Nuala Anne McGrail Mysteries, and science fiction with a Catholic spin, *Angels of September*, *God Game*, etc.

CATHOLIC FICTION

(Not always Squeaky Clean!!!)

CLASSICS

Barrett, William E. *The Lilies of the Field*
**Gather, Willa. *Death Comes for the Archbishop*
Chesterton, G. K. *The Father Brown Omnibus*
Cronin, A. J. *Keys of the Kingdom*
Girzone, Joseph. *Joshua (Joshua series)*
Joyce, James. *Dubliners*,
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man
Waugh, Evelyn. *Brideshead Revisited*

LITERARY

Day, Marele. *Lambs of God*
Gordon, Mary. *The Company of Women*
Greene, Graham. *The Heart of the Matter*,
The Power and the Glory
Hassler, Jon. *North of Hope*
Moore, Brian. *Cold Heaven*
O'Connor, Flannery. *Flannery O'Connor: Collected Works*
Percy, Walker. *Love in the Ruins*,
The Thanatos Syndrome

NUNS AND PRIESTS AS SLEUTHS

Black, Veronica. *A Vow of Silence (Sister Joan)*
Coel, Margaret. *The Eagle Catcher (Father John O'Malley)*
Frazer, Margaret. *The Novice's Tale (Sister Frevisse)*
Kienzle, William X. *The Rosary Murders (Father Koesler)*
McInerney, Ralph. *Her Death of Cold (Father Dowling)*
O'Marie, Carol Anne. *A Novena for Murder (Sister Mary Helen)*

HISTORICAL MYSTERIES

Eco, Umberto. *The Name of the Rose*
Frazer, Margaret. *The Novice's Tale (Sister Previsse Medieval Mysteries)*
Peters, Ellis. *A Morbid Taste for Bones (Chronicles of Brother Cadfael)*
Robb, Candace. *The Apothecary Rose (Owen Archer Mysteries)*

ROMANCE

McCullough, Colleen. *The Thorn Birds*

Native American Westerns

Jackson, Dave. *Lost River Conspiracy*
Kirkpatrick, Jane. *A Sweetness to the Soul (Dream Catchers)*

Traditional Westerns

Thoene, Bodie & Brock. *The Man from Shadow Ridge (Saga of the Sierras)*,
The Legend of Storey County

Teen

Aldrich, Bess Streeter. *Lantern in Her Hand*
Schulte, Elaine. *With Wings as Eagles (California Pioneer)*

Inspirational Romance

Christian romances are similar to mainstream romances except that explicit sex is not used, the relationships always involve Christ, and the characters must be Christian. Many mainstream romance writers also write Christian romances and Harlequin has a *Love Inspired* line devoted to Christian romances (Provo Library catalogs them under "Love Inspired" instead of under individual author names.) Grace Livingston Hill is the original poster child for Christian romances (see Classics section).

Contemporary

Ball, Karen. *Wilderness*
Blackstock, Terri. *Emerald Windows*,
Blind Trust (Second Chances)
++Deveraux, Jude. *An Angel for Emily*
Gunn, Robin Jones. *Secrets (Glenbrooke)*
Hatcher, Robin Lee. *Whispers from Yesterday*
Hicks, Barbara Jean. *Coming Home*,
Snow Swan,
An Unlikely Prince
Jones, Annie. *Deep Dixie*
Palmer, Catherine. *Finders Keepers*
Palmer, Diana. *Blind Promises*
Smith, Debra White. *Second Chances (Seven Sisters)*
Thrasher, Travis. *The Watermark*
Turnbull, Agnes Sligh. *The Two Bishops*
Wick, Lori. *Sophie's Heart*,
The Princess

Problem Romances

Romances that tackle tough issues where love can have a hard time surviving. No problem is too difficult to be overcome or accepted if one's belief or prayers are strong enough.

Coyle, Neva. *Sharon's Hope*
Hatcher, Robin Lee. *The Forgiving Hour*
Hicks, Barbara Jean. *China Doll*
Hunt, Angela Elwell. *Gentle Touch*
Kingsbury, Karen. *A Moment of Weakness*,
A Time to Dance
Nordberg, Bette. *Serenity Bay*
Orcutt, Jane. *The Living Stone*
Tatlock, Ann. *A Place Called Morning*

Inspirational Mysteries and Thrillers

Mysteries

Benrey, Ron & Janet. *Little White Lies*
Blackstock, Terri. *Private Justice (Newpointe 911)*
Brouwer, Sigmund. *Out of the Shadows*
Brown, Dan. *Da Vinci Code (also under Catholic Fiction)*
Gutteridge, Rene. *Ghost Writer*
Hall, Linda. *Island of Refuge*,
Katheryn's Secret,
Margaret's Peace
Parker, Gary E. *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*,
Death Stalks a Holiday
++Redfield, James. *The Celestine Prophecy*
Roper, Gayle. *Caught in the Middle (Amhearst Mysteries)*
Sayers, Dorothy L. *Gaudy Night*
Stallsmith, Audrey. *Rosemary for Remembrance (Thyme Will Tell)*

Medical Mysteries

Cutrer, William & Sandra Glahn. *Lethal Harvest*
Kraus, Harry Lee. *The Chairman*,
The Stain
Myers, Bill. *Blood of Heaven*

Thrillers

Austin, Lynn. *Wings of Refuge*
Blackstock, Terri. *Justifiable Means*
Brouwer, Sigmund. *Blood Ties*
Bunn, T. Davis. *Florian's Gate (Trilogy)*,
The Great Divide [Legal],
The Presence [Legal]
Henderson, Dee. ***True Devotion (Uncommon Heroes)*
Locke, Thomas (T. Davis Bunn). *The Delta Factor*

Inspirational Sagas

An historical series that extends over generations, or individual novels that tell a generational story.

American

Austin, Lynn. *Eve's Daughters*.
Bergren, Lisa Tawn. *The Captain's Bride (Northern Lights)*
Morris, Gilbert. *The Honorable Imposter (House of Winslow)*
Peart, Jane. *The Pattern (American Quilt)*
Peterson, Tracie & James Scott Bell. *City of Angels (The Shannon Saga)*
Price, Eugenia. *Bright Captivity (Georgia Trilogy)*
Stokes, Penelope J. *The Amethyst Heart*
Thoene, Bodie. *In My Father's House (Shiloh Legacy)*
Wick, Lori. *A Place Called Home (A Place Called Home Series)*

European

Howatch, Susan. *Glittering Images (Starbridge Novels)*
Hunt, Angela Elwell. *The Silver Sword (Heirs of Cahira O'Connor)*

LDS

Hughes, Dean. *Rumors of War (Children of the Promise),
The Writing on the Wall (Hearts of the Children)*
Lund, Gerald. *A Pillar of Light (Work and the Glory)*

Unequally Yoked

Unequally yoked romances are between a believer and an unbeliever. The unbeliever must be saved for the romance to succeed.

Darty, Peggy. *Seascape*
Gunn, Robin Jones. *Echoes*
**Henderson, Dee. *The Negotiator (O'Malley series)*

Adventure/Suspense

Bergren, Lisa Tawn. ***Refuge (Full Circle)*
Blackstock, Terri. *Evidence of Mercy (Suncoast Chronicles)*
Bulock, Lynn. *Island Breeze*
Henderson, Dee. *The Negotiator (O'Malley Series)*
Kok, Marilyn. *Stillpoint*
Martinusen, Cindy McCormick. *Winter Passing*
Noble, Diane. *Distant Bells*
Peterson, Tracie. *Framed*
Windsor, Linda. *Not Exactly Eden*

Non-Western Historicals

**Dengler, Sandra. *Code of Honor*
Price, Eugenia. *Bright Captivity (Georgia Trilogy)*

Short Stories

Aiken, Ginny, et. al. *With This Ring*
Aiken, Ginny, et. al. *Dream Vacation*
Aiken, Ginny, et. al. *Strings of the Heart*
Barton, Janet Lee, et. al. *The Bouquet*
Bergren, Lisa Tawn, et. al. *Porch Swings and Picket Fences*
Billerbeck, Kristin, et. al. *Fireside Christmas*
Blackstock, Terri, et. al. *Sweet Delights*
Boeshaar, Andrea, et. al. *Wildflower Brides*
Copeland, Lori, et. al. *With This Ring*
Ford, Linda, et. al. *Prairie Brides*
Noble, Diane, et.al. *Christmas Homecoming*
Palmer, Catherine, et. al. *A Victorian Christmas Tea*
Palmer, Catherine, et. al. *A Victorian Christmas Cottage*
Wick, Lori. *Beyond the Picket Fence*

Inspirational Fantasy & Science Fiction

The majority of Christian Science Fiction has its roots in the writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, George MacDonald and Charles Williams (see Classics section). Orson Scott Card, Stephen Lawhead, Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye (Left Behind series) are the best-known contemporary authors.

Apocalypse

Jenkins, Jerry & Tim LaHaye. *Left Behind* (*Left Behind*)

**Meier, Paul. *The Third Millennium*

Mustian, Mark. *The Return*

Myers, Bill. *Blood of Heaven*

Fantasy

Card, Orson Scott. *Treasure Box*,

***Wyrms*,

***Songmaster*

Kemp, Kenny. *I Hated Heaven*

Lawhead, Stephen. ***Byzantium*,

***Taliesin* (*Pendragon Cycle*),

Paradise War (*Song of Albion*)

Mandino, Og. *The Christ Commission*

Sebanc, Mark. *Flight to Hollow Mountain*

++Siegel, Robert. *Alpha Centauri*

Hard Science Fiction

Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game* (*Ender Wiggins Saga*)

Hunt, Angela Elwell. ***The Truth Teller*

Lawhead, Stephen. ***Dream Thief*

Morrow, James. *Towing Jehovah*

Spiritual Warfare

Hoff, B. J. *Masquerade*

King, Stephen. ***Desperation*

Peretti, Frank E. *The Oath*,

Prophet,

This Present Darkness/Piercing the Darkness,

The Visitation

Other Subgenres

Card, Orson Scott. ***Pastwatch* [Time Travel]

Peck, M. Scott. *In Heaven as on Earth* [Allegory]

Phillips, Michael. *Rift in Time* [Alternate Universe]

Vidal, Gore. *Live from Golgotha* [Time Travel]

**Wagerin, Walter, Jr. *The Book of the Dun Cow* [Fable]

Teen

Cooper, Susan. *The Dark is Rising* (*Dark is Rising series*)

L'Engle, Madeleine. *Meet the Austins* (*Austin Family*),

The Arm of the Starfish (*O'Keefe Family*),

A Wrinkle in Time (*Time Quintet - Murry Family*)

Lewis, C. S. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (*The Chronicles of Narnia*)

Morris, Gilbert. *Flight of the Eagles* (*Seven Sleepers*)

Yolen, Jane & Bruce Coville. *Armageddon Summer*