



Inspirational Fiction **-Staff Picks-**

F Call *Return to Mormonville*
On a new assignment in Sudan, Africa as part of a humanitarian project, Luke realizes this isn't "Mormonville" anymore. When Luke and fellow workers are ambushed and kidnapped by terrorists, he will learn what it means to be a true Christian. By Jeff Call ****

YA F Craven *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*
A young Anglican vicar, unaware that he is dying, goes to live and work among the Kwakwilt Indians in a remote village. He comes to understand and love their way of life, even as he sees it dying around him. By Margaret Craven *****

F Diamant *The Red Tent*
Starting with her birth and happy childhood in Mesopotamia, the book follows the biblical story of Dinah through her years in Canaan, doomed marriage to Shalem, her flight to Egypt during her pregnancy where she becomes a noted midwife, and ultimately her death in Egypt. By Anita Diamant ****

F Freedman *Mrs. Mike*
Katherine May O'Fallon doesn't realize what lies ahead for her when she first meets Sgt. Mike Flannigan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Soon she is married and headed into the deep Canadian Northwest of the early 1900's. Together they face many adventures and hardships as their love grows into something deep and lasting. By Benedict & Nancy Freedman *****

MYSTERY Greeley *Irish Gold*
Dermot Coyne goes to Dublin to investigate his parents' departure from Ireland during the Time of Troubles in 1922 and learns much about his Irish heritage from Nuala Anne McGrail. By Andrew M. Greeley ***

YA F Heuston *The Shakeress*
While searching for her true self and for the way to meet the needs of her personal sense of spirituality, an orphaned teenaged girl joins a Shaker community in mid-nineteenth century New England and learns about a new religion called Mormonism. By Kimberley Heuston ****

F Holmes *Two from Galilee*
The story not recounted in the Bible of the romance between Mary and Joseph. It "fills in the blanks" about both of their families, and the dynamics surrounding the selection of a spouse. Mary's choice is not that of her parents, so they must deal with their objections as well as the "news" that Mary will be the mother of the Savior and all of its consequences. By Marjorie Holmes *****

F Karon *At Home in Mitford*
A portrait of the mysteries and miracles of everyday life introduces the small North Carolina town of Mitford and its colorful inhabitants, including Tim, a bachelor rector, who is falling in love with his neighbor. By Jan Karon ***

F Kingsbury *Redemption*
When Kari Baxter Jacobs finds out that her husband is involved in an adulterous relationship and wants a divorce, she decides she will love him and remain faithful to her marriage at all costs. By Karen Kingsbury ****

YA F Lewis *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. By C. S. Lewis *****

F Lund *Fishers of Men*
The story of a Galilean merchant family whose lives occasionally intersect with the life of Christ. David ben Joseph, the father, had thought deeply about the prophecies concerning Christ. His wife Deborah and their son, side with the zealots who want the Roman oppression vanquished. The family becomes divided when Jesus begins his ministry. By Gerald Lund ****

YA F Mangum *The Secret Journal of Brett Colton*

Kathy Colton can't stand her brother Brett. Her family talks as if he were perfect! Brett died of leukemia when he was seventeen and she was only two. But when Kathy turns sixteen, she discovers her brother's hidden journal—a journal written especially for her—and learns about the brother she never knew. By Kay Lynn Mangum *****

YA F McDaniel *Angels Watching Over Me*

A cynical teenager discovers that angels appear in the most unexpected places when sixteen-year-old Leah is hospitalized during the holiday season and meets a large, warm, and loving Amish family. By Lurlene McDaniel *****

YA F Napoli *Song of the Magdalene*

An imaginative portrayal of Mary Magdalene's life which shows the limitations of the lives of Hebrew women, the misconceptions and fear of those with deformities and disabilities, and the courage and faith required to overcome them. By Donna Jo Napoli *****



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F Pamuk *My name is Red*

In sixteenth-century Istanbul, a furor erupts when the Sultan hires a group of artists to illuminate a great book in the European style at a time in which all figurative art is considered Islamic heresy, but the situation becomes worse when one of the miniaturists vanishes. By Orhan Pamuk *****

F Sillitoe *Sideways to the Sun*

Megan Stevens lives an ordinary LDS life in an ordinary LDS ward until the day her husband doesn't return from work. Suddenly everything in her life changes: her family, her friendships, and her place in the ward. As she struggles to build a new life, she discovers herself... and her husband. By Linda Sillitoe ****

F Smith *All is Swell*

This book is about a young LDS missionary who spends his whole two-year mission in one town, Thelma's Way, TN, that is small and isolated. Although his mission turns out differently than he expected, he learns and grows from his experiences while having fun along the way. By Robert Farrell Smith *****

F Smith *Captain Matrimony*

Andy, a high school math teacher, moves to Utah to teach math and personal relations in an effort to dispel the town's belief in a marriage curse. As Andy gets acquainted with townspeople, he solves a long-standing mystery related to the curse and meets the girl of his dreams. By Robert Farrell Smith *****

F West *The Friendly Persuasion*

Delightful collection of stories about the Birdwells, a family of Quakers. The free-spirited husband, Jess, likes singing and horse racing while his more serious wife, Eliza, is a Quaker preacher. By Jessamyn West *****

F Wright *My Not-So-Fairy-Tale Life*

At 22, Suzanne "Cue" Quincy is a recovering drug addict, estranged from her abusive mother, and very much a party girl. Her older brother Sam escaped the abuse early – he joined the LDS Church, served a mission, and currently lives in Utah. When Cue discovers she's pregnant, and refuses to abort the baby, she's kicked out and goes to live in Utah with Sam. By Julie Wright *****

F Young *One More River To Cross*

Elijah Abel was born into slavery but was destined to become one of the few LDS members of African descent to receive the priesthood before the policy concerning Negroes was in place. The novel ends with Jane Manning James's story. She was born free but was still subject to mistreatment at the hands of a white minister in her youth before converting to the Church under miraculous circumstances. By Margaret Blair Young & Dairus Gray *****