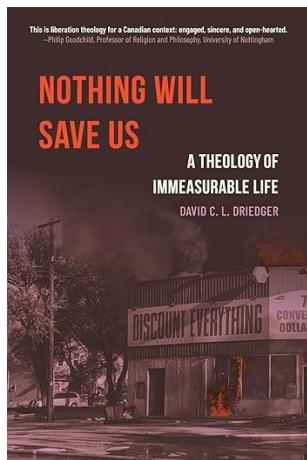


## Valleyview Library: New Books Fall 2025



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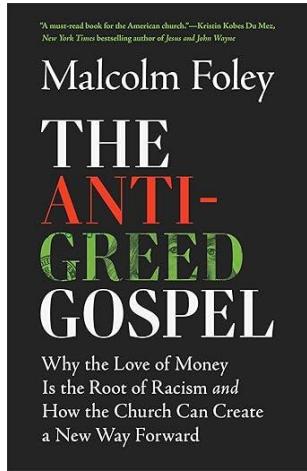
**Title:** Nothing Will Save Us: A Theology of Immeasurable Life

**Publisher:** Pandora Press

**Year:** 2025

**Valleyview Library Category:** Theology

**Summary:** *Nothing Will Save Us* explores a Mennonite theology shaped by liberation theology's conviction that salvation is found among those the world deems "nothing." Drawing on the Torah's rejection of idols and the Gospel's vision of a God who becomes nothing, the book argues that attending to marginalized people reveals both the church's structural sins and its calling. Challenging conservatives' misuse of judgment and liberals' avoidance of it, the author urges readers to recognize their shared place with the oppressed—and to hear in that recognition the good news of a different, immeasurable life.



**Author:** Malcolm Foley

**Title:** The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money Is the Root of Racism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward

**Publisher:** Brazos Press

**Year:** 2025

**Valleyview Library Category:** Church

**Summary:** In *The Anti-Greed Gospel*, historian Malcolm Foley argues that racism is fundamentally driven by greed, not hatred. Tracing how the pursuit of wealth created racial categories, fueled systemic oppression, and continues to shape violence against Black Americans, Foley links today's injustices to the history of lynching. Drawing on figures like Ida B. Wells and on biblical teachings, he calls the church to confront racial capitalism through generosity, solidarity, and truth-telling. The book offers practical guidance for resisting exploitative systems and building communities committed to justice and neighbor-love.



**Author:** Jennifer C. Grant, Illust. Benjamin Schipper

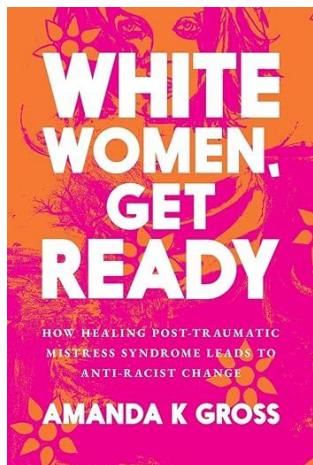
**Title:** Maybe God Is Like That Too

**Publisher:** Sparkhouse Press

**Year:** 2017

**Valleyview Library Category:** Children

**Summary:** Every child wonders where God lives or what God is like. In *Maybe God Is Like That Too*, a young boy asks his grandma where God is in their city. She invites him to pay attention to where he sees the fruit of the Spirit. Where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are, there too is God. The boy sees God in the kindness of a doorman holding the door for a man using a wheelchair, in the patience of his teacher helping him tie his shoes, and in the love, faithfulness, and gentleness of his grandma. An ordinary day in his city opens this young boy's eyes to God's Spirit at work all around him.



**Author:** Amanda K. Gross

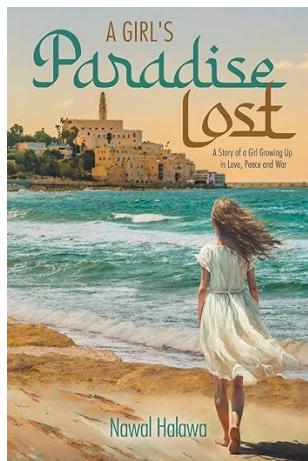
**Title:** White Women, Get Ready: How Healing Post-Traumatic Mistress Syndrome Leads to Anti-Racist Change

**Publisher:** Otterpine

**Year:** 2024

**Valleyview Library Category:** Social Issues

**Summary:** *White Women, Get Ready* is a practical anti-racism guide that examines how white women have been shaped to uphold intertwined systems of oppression—and how they can instead work to dismantle them. Blending history, memoir, and critique, Amanda K. Gross challenges white women to confront their complicity in racist structures and to use their social power responsibly. Through research and personal narrative, she offers tools for engaging with identity, trauma, and accountability, emphasizing that the well-being of white women is inseparable from the well-being of all.



**Author:** Nawal Halawa, Edited by Jan Abushakrah, Translated by Nadeen Rayan

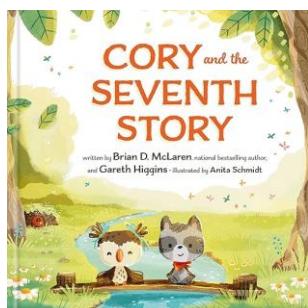
**Title:** A Girl's Paradise Lost: A Story of a Girl Growing Up in Love, Peace and War

**Publisher:** Friesen Press

**Year:** 2023

**Valleyview Library Category:** Fiction

**Summary:** Sitt Zubaida's idyllic childhood on Jaffa's al-Ajami Beach ends abruptly with the 1948 Palestinian Nakba, which forces her family—like hundreds of thousands of others—to flee their home. As they move from place to place across the region, Zubaida grapples with loss, longing, and the memory of a paradise she can never fully return to. Blending autobiography and fiction, *A Girl's Paradise Lost* offers an intimate portrait of daily life before and after displacement, highlighting the human impact of a tragedy often overshadowed by political narratives.



**Author:** Brian D. McLaren, Gareth Higgins

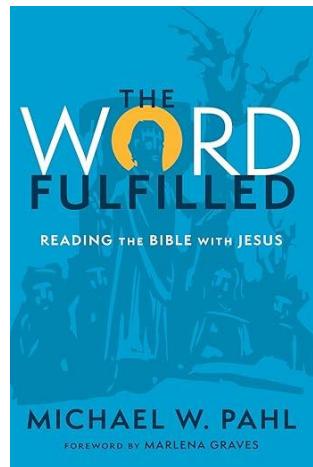
**Title:** Cory and the Seventh Story

**Publisher:** PRH Christian Publishing

**Year:** 2023

**Valleyview Library Category:** Children

**Summary:** This illustrated children's book follows Cory the raccoon and Owl as their peaceful village becomes divided by fear, bullying, and exclusion. With the help of a wise visitor, they learn six old stories that explain why people turn to domination, revenge, avoidance, blame, self-pity, or greed. Inspired to choose a different path, Cory and Owl introduce a "seventh story" grounded in peace and love, bringing the village back together. A gentle, hopeful tale for kids and adults about choosing compassion in a fearful world.



**Author:** Michael W. Pahl

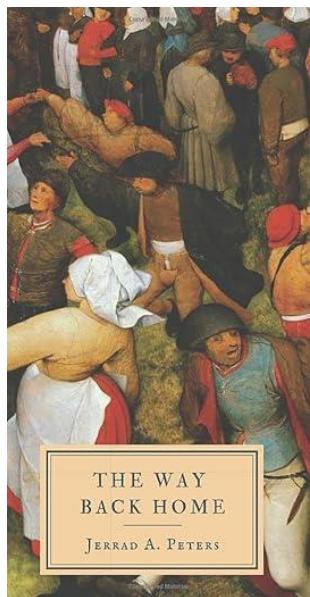
**Title:** The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus

**Publisher:** Herald Press

**Year:** 2024

**Valleyview Library Category:** Bible

**Summary:** *The Word Fulfilled* explores how Jesus read and interpreted the Jewish Scriptures, offering guidance for how Christians can read the Bible in his way. Focusing on seven key passages from Jesus' life and ministry, Michael W. Pahl blends scholarship, biblical study, and imaginative storytelling to place readers in the world of early Judaism. The book invites believers to encounter Scripture as Jesus did and to deepen their discipleship through a richer understanding of the Bible's original context.



**Author:** Jerrad A. Peters

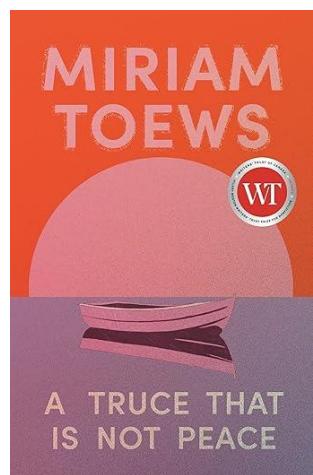
**Title:** The Way Back Home: Wandering the Renaissance and Reformation of the First Flemish Anabaptists

**Publisher:** Pandora Press

**Year:** 2024

**Valleyview Library Category:** History, Philosophy, Religion

**Summary:** Part travelogue, part historiography, part historical fiction, part art book; interesting to both scholars and descendants of the dutch Mennonites; playful, archival, poetic, and profound, This novel wanders from the excesses of Jan van Leiden and Kanye West, between iconoclasm and iconophilia, from beginning to end, to find the way back home.



**Author:** Miriam Toews

**Title:** A Truce That Is Not Peace

**Publisher:** Knopf Canada

**Year:** 2025

**Valleyview Library Category:** Biography

**Summary:** In *A Truce That Is Not Peace*, celebrated Canadian writer Miriam Toews confronts the question of why she writes, only to find it tangled in the unresolved grief of her sister's suicide. Through reflections that blend humor, sorrow, and sharp honesty, Toews reveals an ongoing inner dialogue with her sister and the complex role memory plays in creative life. This memoir becomes a bold, original exploration of art, loss, and the fragile peace we make with the past—showcasing Toews at her most intimate and inventive.