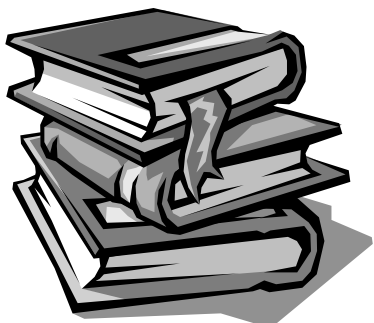


## Book Reviews

Here is a selection of books for you to consider:



### **L is for Lifestyle - Christian Living that doesn't cost the earth by Ruth Valerio £5.99 ISBN 1 84474 025 0**

From bananas to investments, discover how to take better care of people and our planet, God's beloved creation. This A-Z of lifestyle issues unravels the main threats to people and our planet, and shows how, by making simple changes we can learn the secret of a life that is both fair and simple. Ruth Valerio is a Tutor at the Open Theological College and was previously Head of Social Responsibility for the Evangelical Alliance.

### **Towards the Dawn: A Journey through Easter to Pentecost**

**by Garth Hewitt £8.99 ISBN 0 281 05591 2**

In Jerusalem while mourning Jesus at the tomb, the women are told to go with the disciples to find Jesus in Galilee. In these reflections for the Easter season, Garth Hewitt travels this route, visiting sites ringing with the gospel stories. In this dark hour in the Holy Land's history, Garth introduces us to the extraordinary Easter faith of local Christians, still able to show us God's grace at work in the midst of disorder and death. He also meets with Jews and Muslims who are working and praying for peace. Those of us who call this land 'holy' are challenged to join them in their prayers, and to take action ourselves against injustice in the world.

### **Growing Leaders – reflections on leadership, life and Jesus**

**by James Lawrence £9.99 ISBN 1 84101 246 7**

Here is a book for anyone in any form of church leadership. Seven out of ten Christian leaders feel heavily overworked, four in ten suffer financial pressures, only two in ten have had training in management or team building and 1,500 give up their job over a ten-year period. At the same time, as financial restrictions affect the availability of full-time ministers, more people are needed for leadership roles in local congregations, not just in preaching, teaching and pasturing adults, but in every area of church work.

This book faces head-on the challenge of raising up new leaders and helping existing leaders to develop. It comprehensively surveys leadership skills and styles, reflecting on the vital importance of discipleship, discerning our personal calling, avoiding the 'red zone' of stress, developing character, and living as part of the community of the people of God.

### **The Easter Story**

**£2.99 ISBN 1 85985 410 9**

Here is an excellent chunky board book for young children, complete with peek through windows and fun shapes. This book will help the child to learn the Easter story in a way that will grab attention.

**The family altar would alter many a family.  
- Anon**