

Sacred Spaces**by Margaret Silf £6.99 ISBN: 0 7459 5186 4**

There are many books that explore actual, physical, sacred space and pilgrimage sites. This is a different kind of book. It introduces seven traditional 'sacred spaces' but then leads readers into a deeper reflection on what such 'sacred space' means in our own lives and experience.

The various sacred spaces explored are: the Celtic Cross; the infinite knot; hilltops; wells and springs; causeways and bridges; thresholds and burial grounds; and boundaries. In each chapter, the author introduces a 'sacred space' as the main theme and then illustrates this by associating it with a particular stage of life and a particular sacramental experience. The ideas are then brought together by means of a scripture story

Mentoring Marriages**by Harry Benson £7.99 ISBN: 1 85424 699 2**

Because divorce is so common, many young couples have never seen a healthy marriage. They are full of myths about 'happy ever after' - but don't know how to spot their own bad attitudes, or offer forgiveness.

Mentoring Marriages is a clear, fun, easily followed guide to help you and your husband or wife mentor a less experienced couple, helping them to talk through issues such as money, sex and children. As you share your own struggles you can offer them hope, ideas and a way forward. You will make friends for life - and mentor couples attend a lot of weddings!

The Woman Who Outran the Devil**The extraordinary story of one woman's search for her true self.****by Shirley Baskett £6.99 ISBN 1 85424 704 2**

Shirley Baskett's life was a mess. Drinking heavily, partying most weekends, actively engaged in New Zealand's lesbian sub-culture, she moved from one relationship to another in a search for permanence and fulfilment.

Her mother had been a believer, but was emotionally disturbed. Her father had rejected the faith when Shirley was young. Her autistic brother had commanded the family's time and attention. In a search for meaning and identity Shirley attended Bible College. Her first lesbian encounter, with another Christian, occurred the night of her graduation.

Increasingly Shirley found herself torn between the world of trite sexual encounters, violence and alcohol, and a Christian past she had rejected but could not shake off. One fight left her with a broken nose. She was raped. On one occasion she faced prison.

Contemplating suicide, she offered up one last, unhelpful prayer: it was answered. She began to grow in faith. Then she met Peter... This powerful account of a life utterly changed will prove an encouragement to all who have lost hope.

Shirley and her husband Peter now live in Melbourne, Australia, and have been married for over 20 years. Shirley was ordained a minister in the Assemblies of God in 1998.