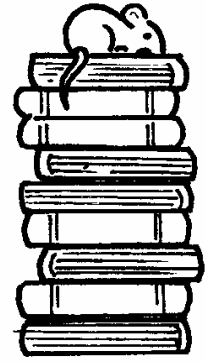


**Cox's Book of Modern Saints and Martyrs****By Baroness Cox with Catherine Butcher; Continuum, £9.99**

If you ever wonder about the quality of people's Christian faith today, here is a book to inspire, move and humble you. For Christian martyrs aren't people who lived and died for their faith hundreds of years ago – they are living – and dying by the thousand – today. From North Korea to the Soviet Union to Nigeria and Uganda – simple belief in Jesus has cost thousands of Christians their lives within the lifetimes of most of us. This is a book of inspiring stories from around the world, particularly from areas of Christian persecution or conflict zones. Today over 250 million Christians are suffering persecution, while tens of thousands are martyred every year. The classic 'Fox's Book of Martyrs' has long been regarded as a

source of spiritual inspiration with its stories of those prepared to die for their faith. This contemporary version gives an equally inspiring account of living saints, enlightening the dark side of stories of martyrdom as well as celebrating the faith of Christians from around the world.



“During my work with the persecuted church, I have met many people who are suffering for their faith,” Caroline Cox says. “I always return from my travels humbled and inspired by their courage, faith, dignity and ‘miracles of grace’. Many stories of those living on the frontiers of faith illustrate spiritual blessings such as joy, peace and love in ways which are far from depressing.”

These stories illustrate ways in which men and women experience a transformation of their lives through a dynamic relationship with their living God, whom they love so deeply that they are willing to sacrifice all they have for him and in his service.

Baroness Cox is committed to international humanitarian and human rights work. Her new charity, HART UK (Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust), will work in Sudan, East Timor, Burma, Russia and Nagorno Karabakh. For more information, contact Lois Taylor on 020 7922 0925

**The Church, the Visitor and the Gospel****By Paul Bond; SCM-Canterbury Press, £14.99**

Many more people visit churches as tourists than as regular worshippers. What message does an empty church give? Many church guides focus only on the history of the building and visitors leave with no more idea of the Christian faith than when they arrived. Or worse, they find the church locked and barred. What kind of message does that give?

This practical manual encourages local congregations to look at every aspect of their building and suggests ways of meeting visitors' needs from ensuring comfort to providing a quiet place for prayer, and making the Christian faith fully accessible.

**Heart of a Hooligan - the story of Dave Jeal****By Paul Alkazraji; Highland Books, £4.99**

Picture an ugly scene where an English group gangs up on a single Swedish football fan. Follow it up with a glimpse of a Salvation Army officer - and intimation that it is time for football hooligan David Jeal to give up this behaviour for a new life with Jesus... a heart-warming book of new beginnings.