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My Road to Recovery

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One year ago, a mysterious explosion ignited a fire that would eventually end life as they knew it. Join Sarah, Lance, Jack, and the other survivors as they journey through a desert of hunger, disease, war, and false promises. "Promise Land" follows Byrne's first two volumes in the Dead Land Series: "Dead Land" and "Hollow Land." Quickly turn the pages with the survivors, moving forward in the quest of a mysterious mountain. Along the way, discover much more than just a promise of sanctuary, as all on this journey are pressed into discovering how far they are willing to go in order to survive the end of everything. Follow Byrne's popular Dead Land Series in its themes of sin, redemption, and restoration, with all who hunger in the belief of a Promised Land.

Manchild in the Promised Land

A New York Times bestseller, the groundbreaking authoritative history of the migration of African-Americans from the rural South to the urban North. A definitive book on American history, The Promised Land is also essential reading for educators and policymakers at both national and local levels. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Possess the Land

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A brief biography in verse about Harriet Tubman and her dedicated efforts to lead her fellow slaves to freedom.

Harriet and the Promised Land

Promised Land

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Hope C Wirta is trapped in one of her darkest times. Her husband has died, leaving her to raise four children on her own. At the end of her rope, Hope attempts to be the best mother she can be while still maintaining a healthy relationship with God. She marries a wonderful man and is excited about a fresh start, but married life with Stan complicates things further. The young couple struggles to keep food on the table for their combined seven children and Hope's now dependent mother. Desperate, Hope turns to eating and spending ("speating") to cope. She tries everything to get her habit under control, but nothing works. Only when she realizes that this compulsion is out of her control does she understand what she has to do. Hope's spiritual growth is chronicled against the backdrop of her messy,

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relatable family and kind, committed husband. Hope is a wife, mother, and woman, and her words will strike a chord for anyone in a similar situation. Readers will fall in love with Hope as she candidly relates the lows in her life and the one moment where everything changed.

Encounters with the Supernatural

This humorous and informative examination of the billion-dollar a year health industry describes the author's experiences trying to cure herself of phobias, date men by following "The Rules" and even a literal walk over hot coals.

My Journey to Empowerment

I wrote this book to inspire, empower and uplift my fellow sista's. Continuing to evolve as a culture; we too need support. From one sista to the next, I pray these words give you the strength and courage to supersede any obstacles or situation you may be going through. Empowering you to move forward in life; never settling for anything less than you deserve. Built for strength; we are the backbone of our culture. Illustrating our effortless way to nurture and support our family and community. Sharing our wisdom; understanding the endless possibilities life have to offer. Our powerful way to overcome adversities. a constant reminder of how

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amazing, magnificent and divine we are.

From Paradise to the Promised Land

Who is Yahweh? Where did he come from? How did this jealous, vengeful, exclusivist god shape the destiny of his chosen people? Can we trace a direct connection, through twenty-five centuries, linking the cult of Yahweh to contemporary Zionism? It all starts with the Old Testament, the ur-text for any serious inquiry into the Jewish question. That book is more correctly known as the Torah and does not simply recount the history of a people. It gives the children of Israel the keys to their divinely-ordained destiny. It was Jacob, son of Isaac, who returned from exile and took the name Israel: a name inherited by the whole Jewish people long before it designated a nation-state. That single name unites the patriarch, the people, and the promised land. The history of the Jewish people is intertwined with the history of humanity. What role did Jews play in the fall of Byzantium? How have they influenced the Christian church? What role did they play in the two terrible European civil wars of the first half of the twentieth century? Yahweh's people has always lived apart from the rest of humanity, endlessly reproducing the same Biblical schema: the Babylon captivity, the flight from Egypt, the Book of Esther. This psychological template for the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob unites them, alone against the world, from the vengeance holiday of Purim to the sacralized memory of the Holocaust. Even the

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creation of the modern nation-state of Israel has had no effect on the 'invisible walls' of the 'Jewish prison.' This book is not just a scholarly inquiry into the history of an idea. It is also an appeal to our Jewish brothers and sisters to liberate themselves from a mythology that imprisons them in a schizophrenic relationship to the world. Alternately a chosen people and a cursed people, a people carrying a divine message and a people who kill the divine messengers, eternal guides to humanity and its eternal victims: To be born Jewish is to be born beneath the heavy weight of 2,500 years of history.

My Journey to Light

If you are ready to live your life free of guilt and shame, and learn how to walk in spiritual freedom, this book is for you. From her childhood days to her life as a mother and struggling wife, Ashley D. Wille searched for answers. Yet true and lasting satisfaction always proved just out of reach. Now, in midlife, I have come to find my soul satiated in God. Through sweet surprises, difficult climbs, and excruciating valleys, the Master's hand has shaped me. All along the way, God has taught me many things. What He has taught me most is that many of my beliefs about Him were wrong. In heartfelt snapshots of a life, author Ashley D. Wille shares her insights and innermost struggles. Through her profound experiences, she shows how she was able to break through false layers of thinking and move into a deeper relationship with God. It is packed with truth! I have grown so much

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in reading it. - Lisa Jorgensen, newlywed, Christ Presbyterian Church, Atlanta
Ashley D. Wille, J.D., C.P.L.C., earned her Doctor of Law degree in 1990. Today she is a Certified Professional Life Coach and an intercessor in Living Waters (a Christian soul-cleansing program). Ashley works with small groups, counsels individuals, and homeschools two of her four daughters. Ashley's new writing projects include a collection of spiritual stories, poems, and personal reflections, as well as stories for children. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Publisher's website: <http://sbpra.com/AshleyDWille>

Promise Land

An analysis of how religious bias shaped U.S. federal Indian law.

Through The Wilderness to the Promised Land

The Journey and Promise of African American Preaching is a constructive effort to examine the historical contributions of African American preaching, the challenges it faces today, and how it might become a renewed source of healing and strength for at-risk communities and churches. --from publisher description

The Journey and Promise of African American Preaching

Land of Promise

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the most celebrated figures of the twentieth century. A crusader for nonviolent social justice, he led African Americans in their demands for equality through peaceful protests during one of the most tumultuous times in recent history. Set against key moments in the civil rights movement, here is the story of the powerful, eloquent spiritual leader and his belief that nonviolence could be used to overcome racial discrimination. Walter Dean Myers's moving narrative and Leonard Jenkins's compelling paintings portray a vivid and striking image of the man who moved American society closer to the ideals of freedom and fairness. Dr. King's dream that all Americans would be judged by their individual actions and character is one we still cherish today.

Bound for the Promised Land

A sweeping and original work of economic history by Michael Lind, one of America's leading intellectuals, *Land of Promise* recounts the epic story of America's rise to become the world's dominant economy. As ideological free marketers continue to square off against Keynesians in Congress and the press, economic policy remains at the center of political debate. *Land of Promise: An*

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Economic History of the United States offers a much-needed historical framework that sheds new light on our past—wisdom that offers lessons essential to our future. Building upon the strength and lucidity of his New York Times Notable Books *The Next American Nation* and *Hamilton's Republic*, Lind delivers a necessary and revelatory examination of the roots of American prosperity—insight that will prove invaluable to anyone interested in exploring how we can move forward.

My Promised Land

This book is a story about my life and how the supernatural gift to "See" helped sustained and strengthened me through the many hardships and poverty in my life's struggles.

The Promise of the Land

“This is a dangerous book.”—Robin D. G. Kelley, author of *Freedom Dreams* Fifty years ago, a single bullet robbed us of one of the world’s most eloquent voices for human rights and justice. To the *Promised Land* goes beyond the iconic view of Martin Luther King, Jr., as an advocate of racial harmony, to explore his profound commitment to the poor and working class and his call for “nonviolent resistance”

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to all forms of oppression, including the economic injustice that “takes necessities from the masses to give luxuries to the classes.” “Either we go up together or we go down together,” King cautioned, a message just as urgent in America today as then. To the Promised Land challenges us to think about what it would mean to truly fulfill King’s legacy and move toward his vision of “the Promised Land” in our own time.

My Journey So Far

Possess the Land: The Believer's Guide to Home Buying parallels the journey that the Children of Israel took with the journey of home buying. This step by step guide will teach you how to apply biblical principles to conquer the giants that have inhabited your promised land, increase your credit scores, decrease debt, and grow your savings account so that you can walk in the authority of God and receive the property that He has promised you.

In the Shadow of Zion

"An excellent Afikoman gift for the teen or young adult at the seder Dinerwrites in a clear style that pulls together that diverse entity known as the American Jewish community."--The Chicago Jewish Star An engaging chronicle of Jewish life in the

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United States, A New Promised Land reconstructs the multifaceted background and very American adaptations of this religious group, from the arrival of twenty-three Jews in the New World in 1654, through the development of the Orthodox, conservative, and Reform movements, to the ordination of Sally Priesand as the first woman rabbi in the United States. Hasia Diner supplies fascinating details about Jewish religious traditions, holidays, and sacred texts. In addition, she relates the history of the Jewish religious, political, and intellectual institutions in the United States, and addresses some of the biggest issues facing Jewish Americans today, including their increasingly complex relationship with Israel.

Promptings

My Journey to Light is a 200 Page Chronology of your Masonic Journey. Record important dates that you received degrees Record Appointments. Record Dates Served in various Bodies, or Committees. Record stories that need to be remembered. Most Importantly, Preserve the History of your Lodge and Personal Journey for generations to come. \$2.00 from the sale of this book will go to Masonic Widows and Orphans. This Book Covers Blue Lodge, York Rite Bodies and Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Space is also included for appendant bodies as you go through your journey.

Promised Land, Crusader State

"In an age when church growth is centered in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, evangelicalism must adapt to changing demographics or risk becoming irrelevant. Yet many evangelicals behave 'tribally'-valuing the perspective of only those like themselves-while also denying any evidence of racial attitudes in the church. Anthony Bradley has gathered scholars and leaders from diverse 'tribes'-black, Hispanic, and Asian-to share advice on building relationships with minority denominations and valuing the perspectives and leadership of minority Christians (not just their token presence.) They seek to help evangelicalism more faithfully show the world that the gospel brings together in Christ people from all tribes, languages, and cultures" -- Publisher description.

The Promised Land

Traces the author's experiences as a first-generation African American raised in the Northern ghettos of Harlem in the mid-20th century, an upbringing marked by violence, drugs and devastating urban disadvantages.

The Law of Financial Success

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Personal account of how a traumatic injury brought the author closer to God.

Recalculating Destination

From the late nineteenth century through the post-Holocaust era, the world was divided between countries that tried to expel their Jewish populations and those that refused to let them in. The plight of these traumatized refugees inspired numerous proposals for Jewish states. Jews and Christians, authors and adventurers, politicians and playwrights, and rabbis and revolutionaries all worked to carve out autonomous Jewish territories in remote and often hostile locations across the globe. The would-be founding fathers of these imaginary Zions dispatched scientific expeditions to far-flung regions and filed reports on the dream states they planned to create. But only Israel emerged from dream to reality. Israel's successful foundation has long obscured the fact that eminent Jewish figures, including Zionism's prophet, Theodor Herzl, seriously considered establishing enclaves beyond the Middle East. *In the Shadow of Zion* brings to life the amazing true stories of six exotic visions of a Jewish national home outside of the biblical land of Israel. It is the only book to detail the connections between these schemes, which in turn explain the trajectory of modern Zionism. A gripping narrative drawn from archives the world over, *In the Shadow of Zion* recovers the mostly forgotten history of the Jewish territorialist movement, and the stories of the fascinating but now obscure figures who championed it. Provocative,

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thoroughly researched, and written to appeal to a broad audience, *In the Shadow of Zion* offers a timely perspective on Jewish power and powerlessness. Visit the author's website: <http://www.adamrovner.com/>.

Dead Land

Caught up in the rave of the ultimate high school party, eighteen-year-old Sarah Cain finds herself outside at 3:10am with her high school crush. Together they witness a violent explosion that tears through the sky. Knocked unconscious, Sarah awakens to a world she no longer recognizes. The sun does not rise, there is no moon or stars, and black rain falls heavily on her shoulders. Forced into survival, Sarah is frequented with strange words and dreams that mystically draw her toward a mountain promising life, even amidst her dying world. Setting out on foot to follow this vision, Sarah meets up with other survivors and discovers that some of them have shared her same dream. Together the group sets off to find The Mountain. Tempted by good and evil at every turn, survivors must decide which path to take.

Brooklyn's Promised Land

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR

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BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW AND THE ECONOMIST Winner of the Natan Book Award, the National Jewish Book Award, and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award An authoritative and deeply personal narrative history of the State of Israel, by one of the most influential journalists writing about the Middle East today Not since Thomas L. Friedman's groundbreaking From Beirut to Jerusalem has a book captured the essence and the beating heart of the Middle East as keenly and dynamically as My Promised Land. Facing unprecedented internal and external pressures, Israel today is at a moment of existential crisis. Ari Shavit draws on interviews, historical documents, private diaries, and letters, as well as his own family's story, illuminating the pivotal moments of the Zionist century to tell a riveting narrative that is larger than the sum of its parts: both personal and national, both deeply human and of profound historical dimension. We meet Shavit's great-grandfather, a British Zionist who in 1897 visited the Holy Land on a Thomas Cook tour and understood that it was the way of the future for his people; the idealist young farmer who bought land from his Arab neighbor in the 1920s to grow the Jaffa oranges that would create Palestine's booming economy; the visionary youth group leader who, in the 1940s, transformed Masada from the neglected ruins of an extremist sect into a powerful symbol for Zionism; the Palestinian who as a young man in 1948 was driven with his family from his home during the expulsion from Lydda; the immigrant orphans of Europe's Holocaust, who took on menial work and focused on raising their children to become the leaders of the new state; the pragmatic engineer who was instrumental in

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developing Israel's nuclear program in the 1960s, in the only interview he ever gave; the zealous religious Zionists who started the settler movement in the 1970s; the dot-com entrepreneurs and young men and women behind Tel-Aviv's booming club scene; and today's architects of Israel's foreign policy with Iran, whose nuclear threat looms ominously over the tiny country. As it examines the complexities and contradictions of the Israeli condition, *My Promised Land* asks difficult but important questions: Why did Israel come to be? How did it come to be? Can Israel survive? Culminating with an analysis of the issues and threats that Israel is currently facing, *My Promised Land* uses the defining events of the past to shed new light on the present. The result is a landmark portrait of a small, vibrant country living on the edge, whose identity and presence play a crucial role in today's global political landscape. Praise for *My Promised Land* "This book will sweep you up in its narrative force and not let go of you until it is done. [Shavit's] accomplishment is so unlikely, so total . . . that it makes you believe anything is possible, even, God help us, peace in the Middle East."—Simon Schama, *Financial Times* "[A] must-read book."—Thomas L. Friedman, *The New York Times* "Important and powerful . . . the least tendentious book about Israel I have ever read."—Leon Wieseltier, *The New York Times Book Review* "Spellbinding . . . Shavit's prophetic voice carries lessons that all sides need to hear."—*The Economist* "One of the most nuanced and challenging books written on Israel in years."—*The Wall Street Journal*

Promise Land

The essential, “richly researched”* biography of Harriet Tubman, revealing a complex woman who “led a remarkable life, one that her race, her sex, and her origins make all the more extraordinary” (*The New York Times Book Review). Harriet Tubman is one of the giants of American history—a fearless visionary who led scores of her fellow slaves to freedom and battled courageously behind enemy lines during the Civil War. Now, in this magnificent biography, historian Kate Clifford Larson gives us a powerful, intimate, meticulously detailed portrait of Tubman and her times. Drawing from a trove of new documents and sources as well as extensive genealogical data, Larson presents Harriet Tubman as a complete human being—brilliant, shrewd, deeply religious, and passionate in her pursuit of freedom. A true American hero, Tubman was also a woman who loved, suffered, and sacrificed. Praise for Bound for the Promised Land “[Bound for the Promised Land] appropriately reads like fiction, for Tubman’s exploits required such intelligence, physical stamina and pure fearlessness that only a very few would have even contemplated the feats that she actually undertook. . . . Larson captures Tubman’s determination and seeming imperviousness to pain and suffering, coupled with an extraordinary selflessness and caring for others.”—The Seattle Times “Essential for those interested in Tubman and her causes . . . Larson does an especially thorough job of . . . uncovering relevant documents, some of them long hidden by history and neglect.”—The Plain Dealer “Larson has captured

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Harriet Tubman's clandestine nature . . . reading Ms. Larson made me wonder if Tubman is not, in fact, the greatest spy this country has ever produced."—The New York Sun

Promise Land

Do you frequently find yourself asking, "Why?" This book will, prayerfully, prompt you to see God acting in every circumstance in your life, from the mundane to the monumental; to appreciate that the Creator does, indeed, cause "all things [to] work for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) Through prose and poems based on personal experiences, the author shares pieces of her journey through faith-building events. If you have trouble focusing on God and His agenda, this book will sharpen your vision and lead you to reconsider God's purpose for the events in which you may find yourself involved on a daily basis.

Pagans in the Promised Land

"A funny yet surprisingly nuanced look at the legends and ideas of the self-help industry" (People, 3.5 stars), Promise Land explores the American devotion to self-improvement—even as the author attempts some deeply personal improvements

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of her own. Raised by a child psychologist who was himself the author of numerous self-help books, as an adult Jessica Lamb-Shapiro found herself both repelled and fascinated by the industry: did all of these books, tapes, weekend seminars, groups, posters, t-shirts, and trinkets really help anybody? Why do some people swear by the power of positive thinking, while others dismiss it as so many empty promises? Promise Land is an irreverent tour through the vast and strange reaches of the world of self-help. In the name of research, Jessica attempted to cure herself of phobias, followed The Rules to meet and date men, walked on hot coals, and even attended a self-help seminar for writers of self-help books. But the more she delved into the history and practice of self-help, the more she realized her interest was much more than academic. Forced into a confrontation with the silent grief that had haunted both her and her father since her mother's death when she was a baby, she realized that sometimes thinking you know everything about a subject is a way of hiding from yourself the fact that you know nothing at all. "A jaunty, cannily written memoir" (Chicago Tribune), Promise Land is cultural history from "a witty and enjoyably self-aware writer...Jessica Lamb-Shapiro's talent as a storyteller is undeniable" (The New York Times Book Review).

My Journey Through the Cross

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One Life

This haggadah explores themes of nature and the land within the Passover seder, to help participants develop an ecological understanding of and connection with Jewish tradition. Passover marks the Jewish peoples' liberation from slavery in Egypt and the coming of spring. Yet it is also a story about land and the natural world. All our biblical holidays"--,--"Passover included"--,--"originally commemorated the agrarian and pastoral soil out of which Judaism grew. Today,

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we are deeply aware that our well-being and our freedom ultimately depend on the earth's well-being. If the earth and its systems are compromised, our ability to be free is compromised; life is compromised. This haggadah keeps the earth in the forefront of our minds. It seeks to reveal the seder's ecological dimensions and awaken its environmental meaning.

Fall and Rise

Looks at thirteen literary works that had a profound influence on American history, culture, and character, including "The Federalist Papers," "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," and "The Souls of Black Folk."

Aliens in the Promised Land

In 1966 a group of students, Boy Scouts, and local citizens rediscovered all that remained of a then virtually unknown community called Weeksville: four frame houses on Hunterfly Road. The infrastructure and vibrant history of Weeksville, an African American community that had become one of the largest free black communities in nineteenth century United States, were virtually wiped out by Brooklyn's exploding population and expanding urban grid. Weeksville was founded by African American entrepreneurs after slavery ended in New York State

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in 1827. Located in eastern Brooklyn, Weeksville provided a space of physical safety, economic prosperity, education, and even political power for its black population, who organized churches, a school, orphan asylum, home for the aged, newspapers, and the national African Civilization Society. Notable residents of Weeksville, such as journalist and educator Junius P. Morell, participated in every major national effort for African American rights, including the Civil War. In Brooklyn's Promised Land, Judith Wellman not only tells the important narrative of Weeksville's growth, disappearance, and eventual rediscovery, but also highlights the stories of the people who created this community. Drawing on maps, newspapers, census records, photographs, and the material culture of buildings and artifacts, Wellman reconstructs the social history and national significance of this extraordinary place. Through the lens of this local community, Brooklyn's Promised Land highlights themes still relevant to African Americans across the country.

I've Seen the Promised Land

From 1940 to 1970, nearly four million black migrants left the American rural South to settle in the industrial cities of the North and West. Competition in the Promised Land provides a comprehensive account of the long-lasting effects of the influx of black workers on labor markets and urban space in receiving areas. Traditionally, the Great Black Migration has been lauded as a path to general black economic

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progress. Leah Boustan challenges this view, arguing instead that the migration produced winners and losers within the black community. Boustan shows that migrants themselves gained tremendously, more than doubling their earnings by moving North. But these new arrivals competed with existing black workers, limiting black-white wage convergence in Northern labor markets and slowing black economic growth. Furthermore, many white households responded to the black migration by relocating to the suburbs. White flight was motivated not only by neighborhood racial change but also by the desire on the part of white residents to avoid participating in the local public services and fiscal obligations of increasingly diverse cities. Employing historical census data and state-of-the-art econometric methods, *Competition in the Promised Land* revises our understanding of the Great Black Migration and its role in the transformation of American society.

To the Promised Land: Martin Luther King and the Fight for Economic Justice

A look at America's foreign policy over the past two hundred years posits the theory that America is struggling with two visions of itself as reflected in its foreign policy

Competition in the Promised Land

My Road to Recovery is my journey of perseverance, survival, and the will to forgive and love again!

From Yahweh to Zion

Get an in-depth look into the first five books of the Bible with this accessible introduction to their content, significance, and themes.

Drop Dead Healthy

We've all heard of the terrible civil wars in Sudan, of the brutal killings, of the lives destroyed. But what of those who escaped and started a new life in a country where there were no killings, only opportunities? All would be well for them, wouldn't it? They are the lucky ones -- or so we hope. Akok Adut came to Australia from Sudan as a child of 11. He arrived legally on a United Nations humanitarian visa, on a direct flight from Nairobi to Brisbane with his big sister and her children. After a lifetime of living in a war zone, they saw Australia as 'the promised land', a land of peace and opportunity. But children who witness brutality at a tender age, who are separated too young from their parents, who are uprooted and planted in

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an alien culture don't always turn into well-adjusted adults. Many go on suffering and playing out their suffering publicly in self-destructive ways. Akok's sister did her best by her little brother, but she was not equipped to handle the complex needs of a traumatised adolescent boy, and Akok quickly headed down a path of drug abuse and petty crime: drugs to numb the pain, crime to pay for the drugs. Today, at 27, after spending his youth in and out of jail, Akok is incarcerated in a detention centre in Western Australia. His visa has been taken from him and he faces the real possibility of deportation back to a country he barely remembers, perhaps permanently separated from his two small sons. Ironically, the time in detention has allowed him to sober up, take stock and reconsider his choices. It has allowed him to focus less on the wrongs done to him and more on how he can use his experiences to help others. He wants to be a better brother, a better son, a better father, a better member of the community -- but it may be too late for him. This story gives insights into the ongoing suffering of refugees even when they are out of danger and living in a land of opportunity. It shows how a boy who has seen too much too early can fail to see those opportunities, and how that same boy can pull himself up and, with the support of others, begin again.

**The promised land; or, Foreshadows of our future inheritance,
by the author of 'The faithful witness'.**

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Are you walking through a dark season of pain and loneliness, causing you to wonder where God is in all this? During my dark season, God revealed to me I am not alone and I know that you are not alone either. My journey prompted me to write my own story. I titled it Through the Wilderness to the Promised Land. Often when pain is great, we tend to focus on the suffering and our faith begins to waver. We must focus on the omniscience and omnipresence of God and fight to remember that God has given us exceedingly great and precious promises that He is always with us and that we are never alone. With Him everything is possible! The Bible is filled with many of His promises for us to lean on in our brightest seasons and our darkest nights. Hold onto these truths. Begin to believe that hope and healing are here.

A New Promised Land

From the bestselling author of The Year of Living Biblically and The Know-It-All comes the true and truly hilarious story of one person's quest to become the healthiest man in the world. Hospitalized with a freak case of tropical pneumonia, goaded by his wife telling him, "I don't want to be a widow at forty-five," and ashamed of a middle-aged body best described as "a python that swallowed a goat," A.J. Jacobs felt compelled to change his ways and get healthy. And he didn't want only to lose weight, or finish a triathlon, or lower his cholesterol. His ambitions were far greater: maximal health from head to toe. The task was epic.

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He consulted an army of experts— sleep consultants and sex clinicians, nutritionists and dermatologists. He subjected himself to dozens of different workouts—from Strollercize classes to Finger Fitness sessions, from bouldering with cavemen to a treadmill desk. And he took in a cartload of diets: raw foods, veganism, high protein, calorie restriction, extreme chewing, and dozens more. He bought gadgets and helmets, earphones and juicers. He poked and he pinched. He counted and he measured. The story of his transformation is not only brilliantly entertaining, but it just may be the healthiest book ever written. It will make you laugh until your sides split and endorphins flood your bloodstream. It will alter the contours of your brain, imprinting you with better habits of hygiene and diet. It will move you emotionally and get you moving physically in surprising ways. And it will give you occasion to reflect on the body's many mysteries and the ultimate pursuit of health: a well-lived life.

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