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Banned Questions About the Bible Two Lions

No one can read far in the Old Testament without encountering numerous acts of violence that are sanctioned in the text and attributed to both God and humans. Over the years, these texts have

been used to justify all sorts of violence: from colonizing people and justifying warfare, to sanctioning violence against women and children. Eric Seibert confronts the problem of "virtuous" violence and urges people to engage in an ethically responsible reading of these troublesome texts. He offers a variety of reading strategies designed to critique textually sanctioned violence, while still finding ways to use even the most difficult texts constructively, thus providing a desperately needed approach to the violence of Scripture that can help us live more peaceably in a world plagued by religious violence. --from publisher description

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It's a funny old world, isn't it? Chance encounters, history repeating, divine interventions - it's strange how things

turn out. With a host of funny, weird and bizarre stories of coincidence, Unbelievable! is a fascinating collection of tales of synchronicity, including: The creepy goings-on on the set of The Exorcist; the estranged twins who ended up marrying each other; the writer who predicted his own death. Strange but true, the stories contained in this book could happen to anyone. So the next time the fates collide and you're reminded of what a small world it can be, you'll realize we're all victims of coincidence ...

Fish Who Answer the Telephone and Other Bizarre Books
Unbound Publishing

"Jenny made me laugh so hard I feared for my safety! I think that's how she was able to get past my defenses and make me feel more okay about myself." -Allie Brosh, author of Hyperbole and a Half For fans of David Sedaris, Tina Fey, and Mindy Kaling—the new book from Jenny Lawson, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED... In LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED, Jenny Lawson baffled readers with stories about growing up the daughter of a taxidermist. In her new book, FURIOUSLY HAPPY, Jenny explores her lifelong battle with mental illness. A hysterical, ridiculous book about crippling depression and anxiety? That sounds like a terrible idea. And terrible ideas are what Jenny does best. According to Jenny: "Some people might think that being 'furiously happy' is just an excuse to be stupid and irresponsible and invite a herd of kangaroos over to your house without telling your husband first because you suspect he would say no since he's never particularly liked kangaroos. And that would be ridiculous because no one would

invite a herd of kangaroos into their house. Two is the limit. I speak from personal experience. My husband says that none is the new limit. I say he should have been clearer about that before I rented all those kangaroos." "Most of my favorite people are dangerously fucked-up but you'd never guess because we've learned to bare it so honestly that it becomes the new normal. Like John Hughes wrote in The Breakfast Club, 'We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it.' Except go back and cross out the word 'hiding.'" Jenny's first book, LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED, was ostensibly about family, but deep down it was about celebrating your own weirdness. FURIOUSLY HAPPY is a book about mental illness, but under the surface it's about embracing joy in fantastic and outrageous ways—and who doesn't need a bit more of that?

F in Exams Harper Collins

Like many Jews and Christians, David Plotz long assumed he knew what was in the Bible. He read parts of it as a child in Hebrew school, then attended a Christian high school where he studied the Old and New Testaments. Many of the highlights stuck with him—Adam and Eve, Cain versus Abel, Jacob versus Esau, Jonah versus whale, forty days and nights, ten plagues and commandments, twelve tribes and apostles, Red Sea walked under, Galilee walked on, bush into fire, rock into water, water into wine. And, of course, he absorbed from all around him other bits of the Bible—from stories he heard in churches and synagogues, in movies and on television, from his parents and teachers. But it wasn't until he picked up a Bible at a cousin's bat mitzvah—and became engrossed and horrified by a lesser-known story in Genesis—that he couldn't put it down. At a time when

wars are fought over scriptural interpretation, when the influence of religion on American politics has never been greater, when many Americans still believe in the Bible's literal truth, it has never been more important to get to know the Bible. *Good Book* is what happens when a regular guy—an average Job—actually reads the book on which his religion, his culture, and his world are based. Along the way, he grapples with the most profound theological questions: How many commandments do we actually need? Does God prefer obedience or good deeds? And the most unexpected ones: Why are so many women in the Bible prostitutes? Why does God love bald men so much? Is Samson really that stupid? *Good Book* is an irreverent, enthralling journey through the world's most important work of literature.

Damned If You Do . . . Abrams Image

In *Temporary*, a young woman's workplace is the size of the world. She fills increasingly bizarre placements in search of steadiness, connection, and something, at last, to call her own. Whether it's shining an endless closet of shoes, swabbing the deck of a pirate ship, assisting an assassin, or filling in for the Chairman of the Board, for the mythical *Temporary*, "there is nothing more personal than doing your job." This riveting quest, at once hilarious and profound, will resonate with anyone who has ever done their best at work, even when the work is only temporary.

Weird, Crude, Funny, and Nude Workman Publishing Presents an assortment humorous and outrageous ideas for such topics as the world's worst Harry Potter books, television programs, sports rules, and fashion fads.

The Giant Bathroom Reader Andrews McMeel Publishing In *Bad Little Children's Books*, illustrator Arthur C. Gackley creates hysterical parodies of children's book covers from more innocent times. Many of these original books focus on life's lessons, joys, and curiosities. Gackley cleverly takes the books' classic covers and turns them into unforgettable, edgy, politically incorrect parodies that speak to the bad little kid in all of us. With a catalog of children's book titles like *Peeping Tommy Goes Cougar Hunting*, *Cousin Milky Is Lactose Intolerant*, and *The Blind Child's Picture Dictionary*, this collection will have readers in stitches. A fun read for parents, grown-ups, and kids-at-heart everywhere, *Bad Little Children's Books* leaves no bad joke unmade.

Secrets of a Phone Sex Operator Simon and Schuster Watch out, Junie B., there's a new kid on the block! It's Freddy Thresher, a 1st grader who knows it's a jungle out there. Here's the fourth in a new series by an elementary teacher who's seen it all. "I have a problem. A really, really, big problem. I want to try out for the peewee hockey team, but so does Max . . ." Bullies are a problem in school, and Max Sellars is the worst one yet. In addition to hassling Freddy, Max also challenges him for the open spot on the peewee hockey team. Freddy's close friend Jessie is a star hockey

player, and she secretly teaches him some rules and tricks. In a warm and funny ending, Max and Freddy make peace with one another, and--in a surprising twist--end up becoming teammates.

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Based on the principle that the ability to develop and support a thesis persuasively is of utmost importance for beginning writers, *WRITING WITH A THESIS: A RHETORIC AND READER*, 12th Edition, dispenses clear and practical writing advice. Sarah Skwire skillfully weaves humor into her advice and in the text's examples of good professional writing--for a uniquely useful text that remains enjoyable to read and to teach from. Best of all, the text's short, easy-to-read essays ensure that your class time will focus not on what the readings mean, but on what they mean for your students' writing. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections <http://gocengage.com/infotrac>.

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"Hilarious. . . . It's Cliff Notes for Scripture--screenplay by Plotz, story by God. . . . In the end, though, the book is made by the spirit of the writer." -- The New York Times Book Review "Like the Bible itself, Good Book contains multitudes--it is by turns thought-provoking, funny, enlightening and moving." -- A. J. Jacobs, author of *The Year of Living Biblically* "Plotz is a genius writer." --

Franklin Foer, author of *How Soccer Explains the World* A whip-smart, laugh-out-loud tour through the most important book in the world, a book most people have never read: the Bible.

The Real Name of God Macmillan

A fascinating study of a radical experiment in human breeding describes the recruitment of Nobel Prize winners and other accomplished men as donors to a genius sperm bank, whose mission was to breed a cadre of brilliant scientists and leaders, profiling both a number of the donors and the children fathered through the sperm bank. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

Amusing Musings ABC-CLIO

Have you ever had a burning question that seemed off limits or inappropriate to ask about Christianity, the Bible, or Jesus? *You Can't Ask That!* gathers 50 of the most provocative, challenging, or otherwise taboo questions that many of us have wondered about but few have actually asked. Edited by Christian Piatt, who once had a bible thrown at his head for asking too many questions during a Sunday school class, this collection considers nothing off limits and takes the hard questions seriously. Responses from theology professors, pastors, lay leaders, and other progressive Christians range from the personal to the

profound and from sarcastic to deeply touching. By offering multiple perspectives to those banned questions, readers can craft their own answers. Better yet, they'll understand that questioning faith is not taboo; it's the foundation of a strong and growing faith.

Good Book Simon and Schuster

Good Book Harper Collins

Fact Hunt ISD LLC

F stands for "funny" in this perfect gift for students or anyone who has ever had to struggle through a test and needs a good laugh. Celebrating the creative side of failure in a way we can all relate to, *F in Exams* gathers the most hilarious and inventive test answers provided by students who, faced with a question they have no hope of getting right, decide to have a little fun instead. Whether in science (Q: What is the highest frequency noise that a human can register? A: Mariah Carey), the humanities (Q: What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? A: Unusual names), math, or other subjects, these 250 entries prove that while everyone enjoys the spectacle of failure, it's even sweeter to see a FAIL turn into a WIN.

Temporary Good Book

This three-volume collection demonstrates the depth and breadth of evangelical Christians' consumption, critique, and creation of popular culture, and how evangelical Christians are

both influenced by—and influence—mainstream popular culture, covering comic books to movies to social media.

Coffee Shop Conversations Simon and Schuster
Warning: This book may be a choking hazard if read while eating or drinking. If you're a fan of *Deep Thoughts* by Jack Handey, then you're going to love *Amusing Musings*. Get ready to enjoy the most hilarious book of the year. This hysterical compilation of profound thoughts and hilarious one liners will make you laugh until you cry. Relish delightfully witty quotes such as these: "I bet a popular joke in the medieval days was to sneak up behind a knight and stick a "kick me" sign on his armor with a magnet." "I think it would be a good idea if scientists invented a new fruit. It should look like an orange, but, 'surprise', it tastes like a watermelon. Also, it screams when you peel it." "If cats could talk, I bet that when they cleaned themselves they'd never shut up about how good they taste." If you are a fan of non-sequitur comedy in the style of Mitch Hedberg, Steven Wright, or Saturday Night Live's Jack Handey, then buy this outrageously entertaining book now! It's the perfect funny gift for men or women

with an offbeat sense of humor!

Adam Spencer's Constable

From Christian Piatt: "When I was a teenager, my youth minister threw a bible at my head for asking questions." Too often, for various reasons, people don't have the opportunity to ask the hard questions they have about faith, religion, salvation and the bible. And when questions are left unanswered in communities of faith, people either seek answers elsewhere or lose interest all together. The purpose of the series is to collect the most compelling and challenging questions from various theological areas and pose them to a panel of "experts" who are challenged with responding in two hundred words or less in plain English. This volume addresses challenging or controversial questions about scripture collected from people on Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and other social networking media. Respondents include theology professors, clergy, lay leaders, liberals, conservatives and voices representing a spectrum of views. The idea behind the books is not so much to provide definitive answers as it is to stimulate thought, reflection and discussion. By offering multiple perspectives, readers have the opportunity to arrive at their own questions. Better, they come to understand that questioning faith is not taboo, but rather that it can be at the foundation of a strong and growing faith. The directive given to each respondent guided them to be concise and to speak in plain language, but also not to rely exclusively on "the Bible says it" justifications,

or to wax abstract or overly intellectual. Instead, they write from personal experience as much as possible, and provide real-life contexts that will allow the average seeker or churchgoer to apply such ideas to their daily lives.

Bizarre World Tate Publishing Company

Unusual baseball moments, told through black-and-white comic strips

Jewish Jocks Coffee House Press

Out of the tens of thousands of books published every year, a significant proportion are unintentionally funny or just plain loopy. Bringing these choice works together, Russell Ash and Brian Lake discuss the extraordinary titles: 'Aeroplane Designing For Amateurs', 'How To Draw a Straight Line' and 'Phone Calls From The Dead'.

The Violence of Scripture Zondervan

They say you can't judge a book by its cover—but its title can tell you more than you ever needed to know! Amazing, illuminating, and gut-bustingly funny, Bizarre Books is the wonderfully twisted product of more than two decades of determined searching in forgotten corners of out-of-the-way libraries and through the literary detritus of eclectic private collections. It is certain to delight every true fan of trivia and the patently absurd.