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## A Dirty Lion Baker Books

Quit playing it safe and start running toward the roar! Now available for the first time in a convenient paperback edition and featuring a brand new group discussion guide. When the image of a man-eating beast travels through the optic nerve and into the visual cortex, the brain sends the body a simple but urgent message: run away! That's what normal people do, but not lion chasers. Rather than seeing a five-hundred-pound problem, they see an opportunity for God to show up and show His power. Chase the Lion is more than a catch phrase; it's a radically different approach to life. It's only when we stop fearing failure that we can fully seize opportunity by the mane. With grit and gusto, New York Times best-selling author Mark Batterson delivers a bold message to everyone with a big dream. This is a wake-up call to stop living as if the purpose of life was to simply arrive safely at death. Our dreams should scare us. They should be so big that without God they would be impossible to achieve. Quit running away from what you're afraid of. Chase the lion! Change the world! What is your five-hundred-pound dream? In this highly anticipated sequel to his best-selling *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*, Mark Batterson invites lion chasers everywhere to chase dreams so impossible that victory demands we face our fears, defy the odds, and hold tight to God. These are the kind of dreams that will make you a bigger person and the world a better place. Based upon 2 Samuel 23, Chase the Lion tells the true story of an ancient warrior named Benaiah who chased a lion into a pit on a snowy day—and then killed it. For most people, that situation wouldn't just be a problem...it would be the last problem they ever faced. For Benaiah, it was an opportunity to step into his destiny. After defeating the lion, he landed his dream job as King David's bodyguard and eventually

became commander-in-chief of Israel's army under King Solomon. Written in a way that both challenges and encourages, this revolutionary book will help unleash the faith and courage you need to identify, chase, and catch the five-hundred-pound dreams in your life.

Chase the Lion Bible Study Book NavPress Somewhere along the way, our culture lost its definition of manhood, leaving generations of men and men-to-be confused about their roles, responsibilities, relationships, and the reason God made them men. It's into this "no man's land" that New York Times bestselling author Mark Batterson declares his mantra for manhood: play the man. In this inspiring call to something greater, he helps men understand what it means to be a man of God by unveiling seven virtues of manhood. Mark shares inspiring stories of manhood, including the true story of the hero and martyr Polycarp, who first heard the voice from heaven say, "Play the man." Mark couples those stories with practical ideas about how to disciple the next generation of men. This is more than a book; it's a movement of men who will settle for nothing less than fulfilling their highest calling to be the man and the father God has destined them to be. Play the man. Make the man.

## Chasing the White Lion Llewellyn Worldwide

DIVDIVTelemakos may have survived his capture in Afar, but his dangerous journey is far from over . . . /divDIV Twelve-year-old Telemakos—the descendant of British and Aksumite royalty—is still recovering from his ordeal as a government spy in the Afar desert, where he uncovered the traitor who spread the plague through Aksum. But before Telemakos is fully healed, tragedy strikes. For their own safety, Telemakos and his infant sister, Athena, are sent to live with Abreha, the ruler of Himyar—a longtime enemy turned ally of the Aksumites. Telemakos' S

aunt Goewin, British ambassador to Aksum, warns him that Abreha is kind but dangerous. Telemakos promises he will be mindful—but he does not realize just how serious Goewin's warnings will prove to be. /divDIV This ebook features an illustrated biography of Elizabeth Wein including rare images from the author's personal collection. /divDIV /div /div

The Lion Hunter Lifeway Church Resources A National Book Award nominee! Returning to the same era of his "In a Dark Wood", Cadnum's majestic novel--part mystery, part history--chronicles the pageantry and brutality of the Crusades under King Richard. Edmund, a young apprentice, is awaiting punishment as a counterfeiter when a knight intervenes on his behalf--and compels Edmund to join Richard Lionheart's forces in the Holy Land. There, amidst the savagery of the twelfth-century Crusades, Edmund learns both courage and compassion, and discovers that cruelty is sometimes considered the will of Heaven. Set in medieval England and the war-torn shores of the Middle East, Cadnum's tale weaves together a rich tapestry of storms at sea, the brutality of hand-to-hand combat, and one of the classic horse and lance battles in recorded history--the Battle of Arsuf.

## Take Courage - Bible Study Book Open Road Media

Your greatest regret at the end of your life will be the lions you didn't chase. You will look back longingly on risks not taken, opportunities not seized, and dreams not pursued. Stop running away from what scares you most and start chasing the God-ordained opportunities that cross your path. In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day is inspired by one of the most obscure yet courageous acts recorded in Scripture, a blessed and audacious act that left no regrets: "Benaiah chased a lion down into a pit. Then, despite the snow and slippery ground, he caught the lion and killed it" (2 Samuel 23:20 -21). Unleash the lion chaser within! #InAPit "Mark has become one of the most important voices for a new generation. Anything he touches changes lives. Read this book and you'll see what I mean." — Craig Groeschel, pastor of Life.Church, author of Chazown and Dare to Drop the Pose "As a leader and teacher, Mark Batterson brings imagination, energy, and insight. I appreciate his willingness to

take bold risks and go to extraordinary lengths to reach our culture with a message that is truly relevant.” — Ed Young, senior pastor, Fellowship Church “Don’t settle for a normal life. Conquer your fears, accept His anointing, jump into that pit, chase the lion, and watch God’s Kingdom come in amazing ways.” — Christine Caine, founder of Propel Women, author of Unashamed

### **Praying Circles around Your**

#### **Children** Oxford University Press

In this thrilling drama from an award-winning author, after one night’s deadly mistake, a man will go to any lengths to save his family and his reputation. Neurosurgeon Eitan Green has the perfect life—married to a beautiful police officer and father of two young boys. Then, speeding along a deserted moonlit road after an exhausting hospital shift, he hits someone. Seeing that the man, an African migrant, is beyond help, he flees the scene. When the victim’s widow knocks at Eitan’s door the next day, holding his wallet and divulging that she knows what happened, Eitan discovers that her price for silence is not money. It is something else entirely, something that will shatter Eitan’s safe existence and take him into a world of secrets and lies he could never have anticipated. *Waking Lions* is a gripping, suspenseful, and morally devastating drama of guilt and survival, shame and desire from a remarkable young author on the rise.

#### **A Voice in the Wind** Multnomah

The first book in the Birth of the Plantagenets series is sumptuous, rich historical fiction for fans of *Wolf Hall* and *Game of Thrones*. Queen Eleanor of France, said to be the most beautiful woman in Europe, has not been able to give birth to an heir. A strategic liaison with Geoffrey the Handsome, the virile and charming Duke of Normandy, could remedy that – or lead to her downfall and Geoffrey’s death. What begins with cool calculation becomes a passionate affair. Despite his love for Eleanor, however, Geoffrey has larger plans: to help his warrior son, Henry, seize the English throne. When Henry saves his father from discovery and execution by the French, he falls foul of Eleanor - and madly in love with her Byzantine maid. Should he become King of England, however, this dazzling woman will never be acceptable as his queen. These intertwined relationships - heated, forbidden and perilous - are the heart of a vivid story of ambition, vengeance and political intrigue set in the glorious flowering of troubadour culture, mysticism and learning that is

twelfth-century France.

#### Light in the Lions’ Den Astra Publishing House

Young CIA officer Talia Inger has reconciled with the man who assassinated her father, but that doesn’t mean she wants him hovering over her every move and unearthing the painful past she’s trying to put behind her. Still, she’ll need him--and the help of his star grifter, Valkyrie--if she hopes to infiltrate the Jungle, the first ever crowdsourced crime syndicate, to rescue a group of kidnapped refugee children. But as Talia and her elite team of thieves con their way into the heart of the Jungle, inching ever closer to syndicate boss the White Lion, she’ll run right up against the ragged edge of her family’s dark past. In this game of cat and mouse, it’s win . . . or die. And in times like that, it’s always good to have someone watching your back. Former tactical deception officer and stealth pilot James Hannibal takes you deep undercover into the criminal underworld where everyone has an angle and no one escapes unscathed.

#### *Lions at Lunchtime* Multnomah

*Chase the Lion: Stepping Confidently Into the Unknown* is a 6-session young adult Bible study inspired by a fearless warrior named Benaiah (2 Sam. 23:20) who changed the course of his future by winning a battle with a real lion. This study examines biblical and modern-day examples of people who were willing to take risks, seize opportunities, and face fears when it comes to chasing after God-given opportunities.

#### **Double Blessing** Multnomah

This classic series has inspired nearly 2 million readers. Both loyal fans and new readers will want the latest edition of this beloved series. This edition includes a foreword from the publisher, a preface from Francine Rivers and discussion questions suitable for personal and group use. #2 *An Echo in the Darkness: Turning away from the opulence of Rome*, Marcus is led by a whispering voice from the past into a journey that could set him free from the darkness of his soul.

#### *Waking Lions* Random House Books for Young Readers

**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER •** The question isn’t whether God speaks. The question is what does He have to say to you? The New York Times bestselling author of *The Circle Maker* teaches readers how to listen to God. **WINNER OF THE ECPA CHRISTIAN BOOK AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING** The voice that spoke the cosmos into existence is the same voice that parted the Red Sea, and made the sun stand still in the midday sky. One day, this voice will make all things

new, but it’s also speaking to you now! That voice is God’s voice, and what we’ve learned from Scripture is that He often speaks in a whisper. Not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close. Many people have a tough time believing God still speaks. Sure, in ancient times and in mysterious ways, God spoke to His people, but is He still speaking now? Mark Batterson certainly believes so. And he wants to introduce you to the seven love languages of God; each of them unique and entirely divine. Some of them you might suspect but others will surprise you. By learning to tune in to and decipher each language, you’ll be able to hear His guidance in simple as well as life-altering choices. God is actively speaking through: Scripture, Desires, Doors, Dreams, People, Promptings, and Pain. Batterson gives you the tools you need to unlock each of these languages. God’s whisper can answer your most burning questions, calm your deepest fears, and fulfill your loftiest dreams. Discover how simple it is to hear God’s voice in every aspect of your life! He’s speaking, make sure you know how to listen!

#### **The Spotted Lion** Multnomah Books

When he is thrown into a pit with a big, mean lion, a little lion is frightened until Daniel shows him that God is bigger than any bully. On board pages.

The Ice Lion Simon and Schuster  
*Court of Lions* is the long-awaited second and final installment in the “smart, sexy, and devilishly clever” *Mirage* series by Somaiya Daud (Renée Ahdieh, New York Times bestselling author of *The Beautiful*)! On a planet on the brink of revolution, Amani has been forced into isolation. She’s been torn from the boy she loves and has given up contact with her fellow rebels to protect her family. In taking risks for the rebel cause, Amani may have lost Maram’s trust forever. But the princess is more complex than she seems, and now Amani is once more at her capricious nature. One wrong move could see her executed for high treason. On the eve of Maram’s marriage to Idris comes an unexpected proposal: in exchange for taking her place in the festivities, Maram will keep Amani’s rebel associations a secret. Alone and desperate, Amani is thrust into the center of the court, navigating the dangerous factions on the princess’s behalf. But the court is not what she expects. As a risky plan grows in her mind, and with the rebels poised to make their stand, Amani begins to believe her world might have a future. But every choice she makes comes with a cost. Can Amani risk the ones she loves the most for a war she’s not sure she can win?  
An Echo in the Darkness Lifeway Church Resources

Book 1 in the 3-book historical Christian fiction series by the New York Times bestselling author of *Redeeming Love* and *The Masterpiece*. The first book in the beloved Mark of the Lion series, *A Voice in the Wind* brings readers back to the first century and introduces them to a character they will never forget—Hadassah. While wealthy Roman citizens indulge their every whim, Jews and barbarians are bought and sold as slaves and gladiators in the bloodthirsty arena. Amid the depravity around her, a young Jewish slave girl becomes a light in the darkness. Even as she's torn by her love for a handsome aristocrat, Hadassah clings to her faith in the living God for deliverance from the forces of a decadent empire. Includes discussion questions suitable for individual use or group discussions "Francine unlocks the longing in each one of us to connect to God in a deeper, life-changing way. No one reading her books will ever be the same again." —Debbie Macomber "As we 'watch' Hadassah and Atretes struggle through first-century trials, we learn how to handle similar situations in the twenty-first century. The 'costumes' may vary, but our Lord does not change." —Angela Hunt "Francine redefined Christian fiction—honest, unflinching, powerful, life-changing—demonstrating why storytelling is the most effective way to communicate God's truth. Every Christian novelist writing today owes a debt of gratitude to Francine Rivers for lighting the way." —Liz Curtis Higgs "Francine Rivers writes from her heart to touch the hearts of her readers. Her books are essential reading for all who love Christian fiction." —Bodie Thoene "Francine Rivers puts readers right into the history of the moment."

—Romantic Times

*In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*

HarperChristian + ORM

Over 1 million sold in series! When they step into the Imagination Station, kids experience an unforgettable journey filled with action-packed adventure. With each book, readers are whisked away with cousins Patrick and Beth to embark on a new journey around the world and back in time. This easy-to-read adventure is number 19 in the successful series that has now sold over 1 million books. The Imagination Station has been acting wonky for several adventures now, handing out the wrong gifts and traveling unexpected paths. Patrick and Beth must call upon their courage, strength, and resilience in order to help others and survive real dangers that threaten them as they travel through time and space to encounter the prophet Daniel and the deadly lions' den.

*Court of Lions* Thomas Nelson Publishers  
Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams offers fascinating insight into *The Chronicles of Narnia*, the popular series of novels by one of the most influential Christian authors of the modern era, C. S. Lewis. Lewis once referred to certain kinds of book as a "mouthwash for the imagination." This is what he attempted to provide in the *Narnia* stories, argues Williams: an unfamiliar world in which we could rinse out what is stale in our thinking about Christianity—"which is almost

everything," says Williams--and rediscover what it might mean to meet the holy. Indeed, Lewis's great achievement in the *Narnia* books is just that—he enables readers to encounter the Christian story "as if for the first time." How does Lewis make fresh and strange the familiar themes of Christian doctrine? Williams points out that, for one, *Narnia* itself is a strange place: a parallel universe, if you like. There is no "church" in *Narnia*, no religion even. The interaction between Aslan as a "divine" figure and the inhabitants of this world is something that is worked out in the routines of life itself. Moreover, we are made to see humanity in a fresh perspective, the pride or arrogance of the human spirit is chastened by the revelation that, in *Narnia*, you may be on precisely the same spiritual level as a badger or a mouse. It is through these imaginative dislocations that Lewis is able to communicate—to a world that thinks it knows what faith is--the character, the feel, of a real experience of surrender in the face of absolute incarnate love. This lucid, learned, humane, and beautifully written book opens a new window onto Lewis's beloved stories, revealing the moral wisdom and passionate faith beneath their perennial appeal.

*The Old Testament* Flying Frog Publishing

Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.

*The Lion Tells His Side of the Story*

Multnomah

God doesn't bless us to raise our standard of living. God blesses us to raise our standard of giving, and that's where true joy is found. The New York Times bestselling author of *Chase the Lion* challenges us not to settle for half of what God offers when it comes to blessings—we are BLESSED to BLESS. His discovery started with a simple experiment.

Whenever Batterson received a blessing, he would give a similar blessing away. If someone paid him a compliment or gave him a gift or went out of their way to help him, he would return the favor by doing something similar for someone else. We flip the blessing by blessing others in the way God has blessed us. That's how the blessing becomes a double blessing. It turns giving into a game—one we can't win because God will always outgive us! It's an ancient truth found within the Abrahamic covenant: "I will bless you . . . and you will be a blessing." In other words, we are blessed to bless. The first blessing is receiving, but it doesn't end there. The second blessing is giving it away! That's the double blessing. And that's where double joy is found. In a day and age where the idea of blessing has been reduced to a hashtag (#blessed), Batterson challenges readers to pursue true, God-glorifying blessing and experience an exponential impact by participating in the double blessing. Don't

settle for half of what God offers. Discover how you can both get it and give it . . . in *Double Blessing*.

*Draw the Circle* Simon and Schuster

The New York Times bestselling author of *Chase the Lion* reveals seven powerful habits that can help you tackle God-sized goals by turning yesterday's regrets and tomorrow's anxieties into fuel for a better today. "This book will change the trajectory of your life."—John Maxwell, #1 New York Times bestselling author, entrepreneur, and leadership expert Too many people delay, downsize, or shrug off their dreams just because they don't know where to start, but playing it safe doesn't account for the massive cost of a life not fully lived. *Win the Day* is the jump-start you need to go after your goals, one day at a time. You'll discover how to: 1. Flip the Script: If you want to change your life, start by changing your story. 2. Kiss the Wave: The obstacle is not the enemy; the obstacle is the way. 3. Eat the Frog: If you want God to do the super, you've got to do the natural. 4. Fly the Kite: How you do anything is how you'll do everything. 5. Cut the Rope: Playing it safe is risky. 6. Wind the Clock: Time is measured in minutes; life is measured in moments. 7. Seed the Clouds: Sow today what you want to see tomorrow. As Batterson unpacks each of these daily habits, you'll see how simple it is to pursue them with focus and dedication—not someday down the road, but now. Transform your perspective of a single day and you'll discover the potential waiting to be grasped at the beginning of each new sunrise.

*Play the Man* Random House Trade Paperbacks

What happens when the king's most obedient soldier is issued a wicked command? Benaiah is valiant against men and beasts. He is known for three heroic deeds that lead to his appointment in the elite force of David's Mighty Men: aggressively going down into a pit on a snowy day to kill a lion; fighting two Moabite ariels; and challenging a giant Egyptian the size of David's Goliath, armed with only a staff, and killing him with the man's own spear. When David is crowned king, Benaiah is made his chief bodyguard and eventually head of the whole army of Israel under King Solomon. Reeling from the tragic cost of disobedience when he was young, Benaiah directs his life toward one chief aim: to be found a faithful, loyal, valiant and obedient soldier, servant of the King and follower of Yahweh. But when "just following orders" leads to his part in adultery, murder and death, he questions his life's direction. If both obedience and disobedience cause death, how can he ever find redemption?