# I Married A Preacher With Deep Dark Secrets

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"This book is an eye opener to every women blindly expecting they along can change any man; a must read." Pastor Cynthia Joan Dunbar, Holy Temple Easton, PA "It's Caroline's painful past that has allowed her to progress and transition from victim to victor. She is a resounding voice for women and men whose lives are plagued by the devastating and destructive effects of sexual sin." Pastor Mark Parrott, Sr. This book openly and explicitly discusses one woman's shock and pain after marrying the man she loved. Her world turned upside down and became a living nightmare when she became faced with the truth; she married a pastor living with the "deep dark secret" of homosexuality. She lived with depression, suicidal tendencies and anger while he lived his secret life on the "down low." Caroline unashamedly discusses her fight to overcome the embarrassment and confusion she suffered at the hands of her husband. She honors God through her testimony reminding us our God is a healer and deliverer no matter the crisis. Her faith and trust deeply abound in the Lord Jesus Christ. Take a walk with her through this book. You will feel the pain, feel the shame and experience the victory!

#### The Secret Life of a Preacher's Wife

My sincere hope is that every person in an abusive relationship will get out, and that the abuser will be changed by realizing the pain and suffering they cause. When I prayed that God would allow me to marry a preacher, somewhere in my mind I thought it would guarantee me a life of love, peace, and happiness. Nothing was further from the truth. After all, preachers are men too, clothed in nice suits, shoes, and fancy robes. All my life, I had been around marriages that should have ended years ago. I wanted to be different; I wanted to help people change. I wanted to see men love and cherish their wives. We all know for the most part at least on the surface that preachers' wives seem to be more than happy. Some wear the designer suits and hats with fancy matching shoes. On occasion, I did too. However, I soon found out, at least in my life, it was all superficial. I was all smiles and encouraging words outside the door, but most days, behind closed doors, my life was a living hell. Three months into my marriage, I began living in a nightmare. I told myself I would never tell anyone. I would help the world believe we had the ideal marriage. Even before the I-do's, I knew there were some problems. Before

long Shirley became a "preacher's wife with a secret life," and everything in her told her that she's not the only one!

# Preaching Your Way Out of a Mess

Every day, a pastor faces armies of despair, fatigue, exhaustion, and frustration. That blessed hope of a Spurgeon church has morphed into a Paul prison. Every time he looks up, there is another attack. First errors are found, then sin; doctrinal arguing leads to internal strife. The army of the nation's culture surrounds for the kill. The pastor places his baptism handkerchief on a broom handle and crawls out to surrender. Just then, he looks to the horizon to see a glorious alliance of sixty-six armies. The enemy turns in fear--many ride away, while others engage, only to be routed. The preacher had forgotten that there are more with us than against us. No matter the mess, God is with us. He has given his Spirit to move among us, and he has given us his word to defeat every attack. Grab this handbook and be encouraged; you can preach your way out of every mess.

## Deep Dark Secrets

A hearfelt, dramatic story about a young black man struggling with his sexuality.

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Just when the drama couldn't get worse in the Andrews home, what was being done in the dark was coming to the light. This time it's affecting the children. Sharice, the youngest, speaks up about life as a preacher's kid. Her only examples of parental leadership are a mother who she adores and her father who is fighting off the public demons that threaten to ruin his church and his home. Sandra is doing her best to help shield Sharice from the problems of the world while being engulfed deeper into the world herself. She's balancing that with aiding her friend and therapist with a life or death situation, while trying to save her reputation as the First Lady amidst all of the turmoil Pastor Carl has exposed his family to. How will this all end for the Andrews family? Some secrets just can't be hidden forever.

#### Even the Best of Us

Swaggert, Hybels, Page, Haggard, Bakker, Farewell, McDonald--all names of famous ministers who over the past thirty-five years have fallen from their platforms of significant ministry and brought hurt and confusion to their families and followers due to sexual failure. Even the Best of Us is written by two veterans of the church whose combined professional ministry experience spans more than sixty years. In addition, Perry and Pierre write from both the perspectives of two persons of color and from the perspectives of difference in gender. Both have seen firsthand the pain of clergy sexual failure and want to see their book help not only congregations and clergy who have experienced the devastation of a clergy sexual failure, but those who could experience this in future, for as they say, even the best of us can succumb to the devastating lies of the enemy of our soul. Whether you are a pastor, parachurch leader, lay leader, or parishioner within a congregation you will thoroughly enjoy this clear and revealing entry into a conversation that few in the church address--the reality of clergy sexual failure and how we can prevent it.

### Silent Agony

Allow me to make some introductions. My name is Carl Prichard. I would like you to meet Silent Agony, the first of three novels dealing with the fictional crime lords of my hometown Detroit, Michigan. The forces that drive corruption seem hell bent on bringing together powerful men committed to destroy each other. Monkey Sharpe, the ex-con looking for stability by creating a chosen lifestyle in the trafficking of narcotics; The Ghost, a cold-blooded killer whose chosen profession allowed him to wear a peacekeeper's badge; Amps, the sick degenerate who collects his victim's ears to decorate his apartment; Sledgehammer, the ex-professional boxer and ex-con who contracted to kill; and Wee Willie Witchum, whose personal demons tormented him until he finally does the unthinkable to preserve his arch enemy in silent agony. The action is fast paced, the romance is steamy, and the characters are believable enough to be feared. Silent Agony serves up a man-sized story that will keep you up reading all night, and looking over your shoulder all day.

#### **Bad Therapy**

Bad Therapy offers a rare glimpse into the hearts and mind's of the profession's most famous authors, thinkers, and leaders when things aren't going so well. Jeffrey Kottler and Jon Carlson, who include their own therapy mishaps, interview twenty of the world's most famous practitioners who discuss their mistakes, misjudgements, and miscalculations on working with clients. Told through narratives, the failures are related with candor to expose the human side of leading therapists. Each therapist shares with regrets, what they learned from the experience, what others can learn from their mistakes, and the benefits of speaking openly about bad therapy.

# Playing By The book

"In Playing by the Book, S. Chris Shirley tells a story I loved curling up with, featuring one of the most endearing teen protagonists I've read in years." —Alex Sanchez, author of The God Box and Boyfriends with Girlfriends When seventeen-year-old high school newspaper editor Jake Powell, fresh from Alabama, lands in New York City to attend Columbia University's prestigious summer journalism program, it's a dream come true. But his father, a fundamentalist Christian minister, smells trouble. And his father is rarely wrong. In Playing by the Book, Jake navigates new and unfamiliar ways "up North." Starting with his feelings for a handsome Jewish classmate named Sam. What Jake could keep hidden back home is now pushed to the surface in the Big Apple. Standing by his side are a gorgeous brunette with a Park Avenue attitude and the designer bags to match, a high school friend who has watched Jake grow up and isn't sure she's ready to let him go, and an outrageously flamboyant aunt who's determined to help Jake finds the courage to accept love and avoid the pain that she has experienced. Provocative and moving, Playing by The Book is a feel-good novel about the struggles and triumphs we encounter in the search for our own truth. "There's so much to admire in Chris Shirley's debut novel, but the most remarkable thing may be its voice. Jake is both earnest and skeptical, curious and guarded, and he tells his story with an endearing humility that-somehow-avoids the sarcasm that has become the norm. Playing by the Book reminds us of how rewarding it can be to climb into someone else's head." —Patrick Ryan, author of Send Me and Saints of Augustine

# Beyond Da Vinci

The History of mankind is very cyclical. How often has it been said, history repeats itself. Since time immemorial a repetitive theme in the human drama is Gnosticism, a teaching that special hidden knowledge leads to spiritual enlightenment. Gnostic myths have also focused on the sexual union of gods or goddesses with humans. The recent furor over the fictional novel and movie, The Da Vinci Code, has once again challenged the authenticity of the Christian Gospel, and brought new focus on Gnostic myths. Readers and movie-goers are encouraged to accept the dubious writings of lost gospels and reject the canonical teachings of the Bible. In those 2ndand 3rdcentury sources, the real Jesus who interacted with leaders, cared for the weak and sick, even loving the dregs of society, is exchanged for a strange creature that only appears to be human and bears no likeness to the Jewish man who died on a cruel Roman Cross. Beyond Da Vincipresents the real Jesus through the rich nuptial imagery of the Old and New Testaments. The reader meets the true Bride of Christ and learns of the incredible consummation of Bride and Bridegroom that is yet to come. Are there false Brides? Was Jesus of Nazareth married? Was he just a man or was he divine? Come partake of this incredible journey through the greatest romance of history; a journey to the truth.

## I Did Not Burn the Church Down...I Only Started the Fire!

Dr. Farrior tells the amusing story of becoming a minister and chaplain who tries to include humor in his work. However, the author's positivism was challenged when his son committed suicide. Out of his tears and prayers, he shows suffering people the importance of humor in dealing with tragic loss, and helps them move toward health and healing. "Don Farrior shares much pastoral wisdom in this book It will make you laugh, cry, and hope!" -Dr. Richard L. Hamm, former GMP of the Christian Church in America. "As a preacher and writer, Don Farrior has an amazing ability to communicate in a way that is immediate and personally engaging." -Dr. Keith Watkins, Professor of Worship (ret.), Christian Theological Seminary. "Don Farrior is a reflection of what Christ means when he taught us to love your neighbor as yourself." -Clarence E. "Jack" Jordan, Brigadier General, U.S. National Guard (Ret). "This is an amazing collection of humorous stories told from the heart and woven around an inspirational life a 'must-read' for anyone who has faced a tragedy or who wants a positive life!" -Janice Ferguson, Ph.D., former Dean of Students VP for Student Affairs, Adrian College and Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine.

Were you meant to do something important in life? The answer to that question will always be YES! But let's be honest, there are times when we all feel unimportant ~ even worthless. Do you ever see yourself as unworthy of the good things that come to others? Do you ever wonder why you feel unequal to a task, or why everything seems to look better in the past or more hopeful in the future? In my case, it had to do with secrets; secrets I'd kept for fear my world would fall apart. Those secrets loomed in the shadows ready to destroy my married life, and every aspect of it, at the slightest provocation. This hidden reality made my past seem brighter and my future an untouchable haze. I was bound to a life of silence, blame and the fear of open shame, even though these secrets were not mine. The possibility of relief from this awful existence was remote. Freedom felt next to impossible. Like many out there, I've had to deal with unworthiness, hopelessness, and loss through both death and decision. Like many out there, the promise of a forever love was broken after twenty-three years. Like many out there, despite the situation, God's love and grace have been on my side. This book is the journey I took to the truth about me. I encourage you to journey with me. I've been through the miraculous and the mundane, the mountain peaks and the lowest of valleys. Through it all, I've experienced the love of God, the love of children and the love of a good man. If you're still looking for any or all of these experiences, read on. This is one more story of ultimate victory in everyday places, and change IS possible! Then join me at elizabethraebooks.wordpress.com!

#### Number 7

Standing in a world where anything goes and the standards of God are replaced with man's desires are Matthew and Sarah Mills. They seem to be doing everything in their power to keep their children on the straight and narrow road, especially their only daughter, Genesis Mills. In a loving family with strong Christian values, Genesis is a smart, beautiful, young woman. In the church all of her life and with her strict upbringing, she has the knowledge needed to follow in the footsteps of her church-going family. Genesis knows what is right and desires to do the right thing, but darkness stands in her way. As she transitions from adolescence to adulthood, she discovers shocking family secrets, and her life begins to unravel. As Genesis toggles between her family and her male lovers to find acceptance, she quickly descends down a path that may not have a way out. Fighting to get back to where she once was in Christ, she realizes that the One who she was meant to be with was waiting there all along.

#### Sins of the Father

"Ronald Walter appeared to have it all. A beautiful wife, two lovely daughters, and a supportive flock of followers who worshipped the ground he walked on. This well-respected preacher known to most people as "Mr. Preacher," had a dark past that he constantly tried to contain, but the devil was giving him hell! Mr. Preacher tries to fight off demons framing his life, but forces from deep within grasp a firm hold on him dominating his goodness. In this novel you will find a powerful struggle between good and evil that ruins so many lives and families. Ronald Walter's stunning childhood is a blur to the people in his town. When Mr. Preachers shocking secrets comes out, it threatens to not only destroy Mr. Preacher and his family, but many people in this community who loved and trust him. Chilling details of betrayal and deceit visit the people in this town sending wake-up messages to everyone involved."

#### Pastor Ken Finds a Wife

He's young, intelligent and very handsome, and he's the pastor of West Palm Beach Christian Center. She's a woman with a secret that makes her hide behind a mask of aggression. Can Kenneth Hunter and Tamara Clark overcome the past to walk into a bright future together, or will her ghosts come back to haunt her? And does Kenneth also have some secrets he is keeping hidden? Pastor Ken finds a wife is a beautiful Christian story of redemptive love overcoming every obstacle. Read it today.

## The Secrets Men Keep

Every man has secrets. Whether they are sinful or simply not in your best interest. . . whether you wall them off or stuff them down deep, you are not alone. But as author Stephen Arterburn warns, secrets are also the most dangerous force within a man, so finding a way to deal with the unspoken fears and questions that threaten to undo you is among your most important tasks. In this book, the author of the million-selling Every Man's Battle series courageously exposes what nearly 4,000 men like you said they think, feel and question – about themselves, their work, their marriage and family, their finances, and their faith – but don't dare to talk about. He also affirms again and again that the strength it takes to keep your secrets safe can be redirected to make a better life and a stronger you. Throughout these

pages, Arterburn not only fleshes out each of twenty-five secrets but gives perspective on where those secrets come from, why they feel so important, and how to respond to them . . . to make life, love, work, and leadership easier for you and for everyone who loves you.

#### The Pastor in the Mirror

For those who read my last book CRAZY MISTAKES WE PASTORS MAKE, they will probably be surprised I made more mistakes! Darkness has one major advantage; it reminds us of the beauty of light. In my humble experience as a trainer and spiritual mentor, I discovered, success is the quickest way to failure if not properly managed. Coming from the position of leadership, one has discovered, a lot of times, it is an untitled man God depends upon to make an impact upon men. Kings, business leaders and pastors already have a high standard to live up to and that is where many times, they fail. I have stumbled many times myself, but in the words of a man, the harder a leader falls, the higher the bounce. Many of us as God's leaders and servants have contributed immensely to misrepresenting the faith and ignoring the grace we have been given to mentor souls. Yes, we don't go out all the way to commit errors but overtly or covertly, we may end up causing a lot of pains and upset to the ones we are called to lead. Our motives may be right but sometimes our strategies need a revisit. My motivation for penning this satirical but insightful book comes from discussions I had with a backslidden Christian believer who has turned to the Bahai faith and a Pentecostal preacher who left his calling for a secular post. In their many disappointments and pains, I found myself. I am hoping to reach some leaders whose vision may be blurring and trust Jesus, some children of God will learn from my experiences. Thank you Jehovah, for giving me Jesus in my heart. Tunde Babalola January 2015.

#### Sins Hidden Behind the Cross

This story unfolds in the late 1980's, deep in the back woods in a small town in Indianola, Mississippi. Rosie Turner, a young mother, is seen sitting on the stoop of her little run down, tin top house; some might even call it a shack. She sits there with her head down praying about the web she has entangled herself in; she is married to so-called preacher, Reverend. Fred Turner, who is nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing. Rosie could stand the abuse Fred bestowed upon her, but when she found out he was molesting her 8 year old daughter, Lue Ella, she couldn't take any more abuse. The Lord heard her prayers and sent a blessing her way by the way of a grey hound bus. Sadie, Rosie's younger sister, had come to town to visit and would unbeknownst have an emotional roller coaster ride through the back woods of Indianola. She would uncover deep dark secrets --even murder.

# The Long Way Home

Pastor's wife...do you feel - You have become disconnected from the Lord, while serving others? - Loneliness from being so far from family and friends? - Others expect more than you can give? - Desperate in your given situation? - Want to simply love your Lord and Savior, and find peace, rest and hope? If you have thought about any of these, this book is for you. It's one of life's puzzling ambiguities; a path dedicated to devotion to God and service to others can lead one away from actually walking with God. Unfortunately, church ministry can have that bitter side effect. The Long Road Home comes alongside ministry wives as they trudge this path - examining the struggles with painful honesty; calling one and all back to their First Love. Laura Mullenix is the Founder and Director of BethNuah Ministries. BethNuah (House of Rest) has been a source of hope and encouragement for ministry wives since 2005. Laura is a wife, mother, grandmother and has over 30 years of experience serving churches alongside her husband, Tom. Drawing from this background, Laura lovingly serves ministers' wives and pastors' wives through BethNuah. In this book, Laura shares from her heart and experiences, providing direct, yet gentle guidance in allowing God to meet the needs of ministry wives. Laura is available for public speaking. www.bethnuahministries.com

## Your Legacy

In a tie-in to his film release and DVD study series, Dr. James Dobson presents principles for building a lasting legacy of faith for families everywhere. We live in a culture that seeks to destroy the embryonic faith of our children and usher them into politically correct ideology, godless systems of belief, and gross immorality that would have shocked previous generations. Today's Christian parents truly live in perilous times. But the good news is that you can be victorious in this battle for the hearts, minds, and souls of your precious children. Whatever stage you are in as a parent or grandparent, you can leave a spiritual legacy that will equip your children and grandchildren with an unshakable heritage of faith.

How can you teach your children what matters most? By being intentional about their spiritual training. Your Legacy will help you make that the central priority of your family.

## First Ladies, Own Your Day!

From the bedroom to the pew to the pulpit – practical help from a first lady who knows Are you a first lady suffering from depression, anxiety, and loneliness? Have you lost yourself in the shadows of your husband's ministry? Are you at your wit's end struggling to fit in and be accepted? Are you ready to quit? In this illuminating, inspiring, and straight-talking book, the author reaches out to pastors' wives to offer hope, encouragement, and help. As a pastor's kid and first lady herself, she knows, firsthand, the physical, emotional, and spiritual ordeals that come with the title. Having walked the walk, she candidly shares from Scripture and her own experiences how to... - Rise from the abyss of despair and own your day - Survive constant scrutiny and mischaracterization - Find healing in your marital and other relationships - Rediscover yourself: dreams, ministry, and purpose - Partner with your husband for successful ministry - Keep love, sex, and intimacy alive in your marriage - Deal with congregational and other conflicts - Take care of you You are more than the pastor's wife and his children's mother¾more than designer suits, hats, red-bottom shoes, expensive handbags with matching gloves, and iced out rings. You are a special lady who deserves to be as happy, confident, and at peace on the inside as you look on the outside. It's time to own your day.

#### The Pastor's Secrets

You are invited to step inside the office of Rev. Joshua Branford where deep and dark secrets are revealed. "The Pastor's Secrets," by Debra B. Spencer explores a private world of counseling and confessions through riveting short stories. Pastor Branford searches to find Godly meaning, compassion and understanding in the choices, circumstances and lives of his counselees. Tales of joy, sorrow, murder, rape, adultery, incarceration and deceit unfold in his private counseling sessions. In this series listen as Pastor Branford counsels a teenager who considers herself a virgin even after contracting HIV by having oral sex with a friend. See a mother who struggles to find forgiveness in her heart for the murderer of her child. Discover the critically ill father of a new member who declares, "If there is a God, and I don't believe that there is one, I hate him! Feel the anxiety of the wife of an incarcerated man planning to restart their lives upon his release. Joshua Branford is a young pastor adapting to the rigorous schedule of pasturing Hope & Grace Christian Center and his dedicated responsibility to his family. It is his goal to help church members and their loved ones to see God during incredible challenges and triumphs. Pastor Branford is a self-proclaimed work in progress who strives daily to improve his own relationship with Christ. His development as a man of God is strengthened by his counseling work. A devoted father, Pastor Branford spends a large amount of time away from home. His youngest child, Penny is an extremely inquisitive child. Through her innocent questioning she often motivates her father to peer deeply into his own soul, and to examine his beliefs and motivations. Pastor Branford uses love, humor and God as the staples of his home. The exchanges between him and his family are meaningful and relatable. Anyone at any time can experience tragedy, deception, confusion and more. Can Pastor Branford steer his members to a place of healing, love and strength? Will he be able to bring awareness without judgment and lead members to their best solutions? Beware after reading these stories; you may never look at the person sitting next to you in the church pew, on the bus or even at your own dinner table the same.

# From Happiness to Tragedy; To Bliss on the Borderline

Bewildered, she exclaimed, "Did she have psychological problems?" I was stunned. I had just told my real estate agent I was selling my house because my wife left me nine months ago. A few years ago, we bought a house in the Akron area. My wife rode around town with this real estate agent looking for a home. When I told the agent she had left me, the she said, "She talked you up so well, I honestly believed she thought you were a god!" I replied, "I used to be, but now I'm a demon from Hades." Neither me or my wife had spoken to this agent before or since she sold us our house. That's just a small sample of the paradox I had lived the previous twelve years. My first wife died, suddenly, leaving me alone with our seven year old boy. A year later, I married my second wife. Now, my second period of grieving was to begin. Through the course of the following pages you will cruise along the path of a man who laments the loss of his first wife and tries to make sense of life in general. Suddenly however, in the midst of the book, his present wife leaves him. This devastation twists the book into a peculiar direction as he expresses his grief in the loss of his second wife, then in Part III, tells his story of the

agonies involved in living with a Borderline wife. In Part IV, the book produces evidence that convinces him she has Borderline Personality Disorder, then elaborates further on how it affected him and his son. Finally, in Part V, as an afterthought, he discusses the fact that he may be narcissistic after all and this narcissism may have drawn him to his BPD wife and helps explain how they stayed together for so long.

## My Life As Mom to 2 Boys and a Husband

Please pass me that parenting book; I need to smack my forehead with it! Life's most teachable moments...why do they happen when the prim and proper lady that you have always admired from a distance is standing two feet away? Why do they happen when someone stops by your house, and you need a front-loader to scoop a path to the door because you have been sick for a week? Why do they happen when your toddler decides to speak his first full sentence in a public bathroom loudly commenting on the sounds from the next stall? It has been stated, "Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." It takes your breath away when your son randomly decides to scream "BOO" in a store at a total stranger, causing them to drop their parcels. It is hard to breathe when your child vomits on the bald man's head in front of you on an airplane. Here are some amazingly breath-taking moments that have made my life laughably enjoyable (although often embarrassing.) May they bring enjoyment to your life, as they have to mine.

#### Secrets of a Pastor's Wife

Deception, Preparation, Rapture. Get ready, so you will not be deceived.

# **Deception and Preparation**

""The People's Victory is a mirror for each of us to see our own power to fight for justice and create the change we want to see in our world." - Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor of California In 1996, a small group of Americans from all walks of life banded together to create one of the most miraculous political victories in modern American history. Opponents attacked the issue of marriage equality as amoral and a direct threat to families. Allies warned that it was a generation away from being practicable and a selfish drain of precious political capital. A stirring oral history told by those who almost inexplicably found themselves fighting on the front lines, The People's Victory recounts the successes - and the setbacks - that only served to strengthen everyone's resolve to resist, fight, and bring equal marriage rights to an entire nation. Through it all, these love warriors found their voice and home in Marriage Equality USA, the nation's oldest and largest grassroots organization of its kind. While high profile books, articles and documentaries have covered the judicial and legislative machinations, this book puts a human face on the people who made the everyday personal sacrifices to keep the movement alive. The People's Victory shares deeply moving personal testimonies of over sixty people, from Marvin Burrows, who was forced out of his home and lost many treasured possessions after losing his lost his partner of fifty years; to Kate Burns, who risked arrest for the first time when she stood up for her relationship; to Mike Goettemoeller, who pushed his mother in a wheelchair with Marriage Equality USA to fulfill her dream of marching in a Pride parade. Edie Windsor, the triumphant lead plaintiff in the Supreme Court case United States vs. Windsor recounts shouting down a major LGBTQ organization with "I'm 77 years old and I can't wait!!" when they attempted to belittle marriage as a critical issue. Writer and producer Del Shores shares the touching moment his young teenage daughter used tears and laughter to console him after the passage of Proposition 8 in California dealt a blow to the cause. The People's Victory is an inspirational roadmap for anyone who has felt passionately about an issue, but has questioned whether one person's contribution can make a difference. These candid accounts once again prove that every movement for important social change must be built on the acts of everyday. In fact, that is the only way the people have ever been victorious. In his introduction, California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom writes: "I hope these stories inspire you to resist, to fight, to win and in the end write the next stories in our continuing push for a more just and perfect union."

## The People's Victory

Deep Dark Secrets is about a young African American man who grew up in a broken home and was molested at a very young age. Trying to find himself to put the pieces of his life together, the main character, Curtis Raheem Miller, finds that he may be attracted to men. While trying to fit in, Curtis tries to hide his sexuality by being one of the boys, dating women but also exploring his sexuality with many different men. Curtis later marries and has children. He then finds it difficult to continue living a

lie, especially when he starts losing friends and seeing his lifestyle for what it really was. After years of depression, promiscuity, coming close to death, and losing friends, Curtis comes to a real low point in his life. Will Curtis remain married and stay with his family, or will he continue with his secret, down-low lifestyle, putting his wife and children in danger?

## **Deep Dark Secrets**

We are all deceived, driven by selfish desires, and incapable of doing what we know to be right in our own human strength. Premier Bible teacher Dr. Erwin Lutzer explains the hopeful reality that change is possible through the sometimes painful process of God-given revelation and honesty.

## Why Good People Do Bad Things

"In Secrets of the Pastor's Wife, Claypool delicately and beautifully shares a fictional story about the power of forgiveness. Having been an Inspirational Book Club leader, I believe this novel would be an incredible fit for discussion, because it covers so many important issues..." — Mandy Woodward, Former Discussion Leader, Just a Little Inspiration Book Club Milton-Union Public Library Wherever Cassandra Martin goes, her secrets go with her. And hiding her past is beginning to take a toll. Cassie lives in a small white parsonage in the village of Maple Grove. For 15 years, the beautiful and talented artist has appeared to be the perfect wife for Rev. John Martin, the new pastor at Maple Avenue Community Church. The couple has moved frequently, and Pastor John is too busy with other people's problems to notice Cassie's distress. She has no close friends to confide in, fearing her secrets could jeopardize her husband's position. That's until Maple Grove coffee shop owner Katherine "Katie" Montague embraces Cassie as if she were the daughter she never had. Sensing her pastor's wife is haunted by something tragic, the caring widow begins praying for her. Will Cassie trust Katie with the pain of her past or will she let the secrets destroy her? Secrets of the Pastor's Wife features discussion questions for women's book clubs, church small groups, and recovery ministries. Entertaining and inspiring fiction, this compelling storyline will encourage emotional healing, forgiveness, and restored faith.

## My Secret Life Being a Pastor's Wife

Two suspenseful stories of faith and love from New York Times bestselling author Lenora Worth SE-CRET AGENT MINISTER Small-town church secretary Lydia Cantrell has loved her boss, handsome pastor Devon Malone, from afar for years. But her feelings are put to the test when murder—and his past as a Christian secret agent—shake her faith. DEADLY TEXAS ROSE How much did a little girl see and hear of her secretive father's murder? No one knows. So widow Julia Daniels takes her silent daughter and flees to the tiny Texas town of Wildflower. Sheriff Eric Butler makes her feel safe...until danger trails her.

#### Secrets of the Pastor's Wife

All Reyna Mills ever wanted was to be accepted and loved. That's why she patterned her life according to the will of those who claimed to have her best interests at heart: an unassuming mother, a controlling pastor, and an elusive God. After "godly" advice leaves her beaten, humiliated, and handcuffed in the backseat of a police car, Reyna decides it's time to do things her way. She's determined that she no longer needs anyone, especially God, but her sudden change of heart leads her down a delusional path that just might destroy her. Will the relationship Reyna once had with God be enough to pluck out the root of bitterness and resentment before the enemy totally consumes her? What will it take for Reyna to realize that the love and acceptance she has been longing for is right in front of her? Wanda B. Campbell is the author of six awarding-winning Christian Fiction novels. Wanda is a two-time winner of the Urban Reviews Top Shelf Book Award, two-time winner of Coffee Time Romance's Critical Review Award, and a three-time Black Expressions Book Club Bestselling Author. She has appeared on the BCNN1/BCBC National Bestselling List multiple times and was nominated at the 2011 African American Literary Awards Show in the Christian Fiction category. A mother of three, she resides in the San Francisco Bay area with her husband. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in biblical studies.

## The Memoirs of a Preacher

A Kept Secret tells her story in her own voice. She shares how she had to go through some mess in order to get to extravagance. Peer in the pages and journey to the dark side of spiritual leaders. You will discover how they handle marriage, separation and divorce. One man is described as a preacher in the pulpit. And the second man is described as a player in the streets, but secretly is a minister. Get your eyes set to witness the unscrupulous escapades of two ruthless men who have nothing but greed, conquest and manipulation on their minds. Prepare yourself for a dastardly adventure.

# Secret Agent Minister and Deadly Texas Rose

Have you ever felt like giving up? Abandoned, alone, or forgotten? Author, Barbie Schuchart-Carlisle, has lived through all of this and more. As Barbie walks through her journey in her Path of Faith, she will help anyone who finds themselves in a seemingly hopeless situation to see, just how they too, you can find the hope, peace, and love through Jesus as He has taught her over her lifetime. As a survivor of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, Barbie's honesty and transparency in My Path of Faith will encourage and empower you in amazing ways. Barbie's life's journey is a testimony as to how the love of God, through a personal relationship with Jesus, will ensure victory and triumph in the darkest of circumstances. Fighting for your life is never easy, but it is a fight worth waging when you realize whom God created you to be. Barbie claims "she is always first a child of God, then a wife, mother, and now founder of 'My Hand in His Ministry,' which is being dedicated to restoring the broken." Thru Jesus' love, He has it placed upon Barbie's heart that as every child of God reads My Path of Faith, you too will come to learn in your life: - You are never alone; - You are very much loved; - How to see others through Jesus' eyes; - How to forgive with a loving heart; - How to live a Christ-filled life; and most of all - How to unconditionally love all thru Jesus' eyes Bonus reflection time: At the end of each chapter, author, Barbie Schuchart-Carlisle, points out for you: - Where was God in her Path of Faith; - Scripture relating to the Chapter; and - Praise to God for being in Her Path of Faith! At this time, please reflect on your own life. - Can you see Him working in your life? Buy this book now to stop feeling alone, unloved, abandoned, forgotten, or being abused. Read this book, and you will see you are never alone, and you are very much Loved! To show you are never alone, feel free to share how My Path of Faith had an impact on your life with Barbie Schuchart-Carlisle.

# **Christian Living**

Shame has become the enemy's weapon of mass destruction. In a society filled with mental health issues, suicide and unforgiveness lives are being destroyed at a rapid rate. This Book gives a raw, bold account of secrets that everyday people find themselves keeping. Sexual abuse, alcoholism, manipulation, unhealthy relationships, and scandals within the church all these things have become the norm of repeated toxic behaviors. This book will shed light on the ways believers are failing the world and the need for repentance. If you have found yourself losing hope in humanity and faith in God this book is for you. This is a story of forgiveness and overcoming some of life's tragedies. The author gives hard truths shedding light on the extreme measures the enemy used to keep her off track. The author will use her story to expose the lies she believed in hopes of saving another from making the same mistakes. Some of the situations in this book took courage to share and may be hard to believe. There is a dark spiritual world that is manifesting right before our eyes. Generational curses are in operation and individuals are held captive by past mistakes. This book is a testimony that there is freedom life is not over no matter how long it has been bad for you. God is looking for Bold individuals to walk in their truth no matter how many lies you fell for.

#### Doin' Me

Erendira, the protagonist of this heart-rending tale of exploitation and the imagination of freedom is symbolic of the under-aged trafficking networks and its resilient survivors across India. In Taboo, metred into rhythm in her inimitable style, Nirmala plunges into the context of disturbing crime, trafficking and unfreedom. Flying high in the Himalayan ranges, weaving a trail through Coimbatore, Ooty, Chandigarh, Khandala and the shipping town of Alang, diving down to the southern-most tip of India and onwards to Sri Lanka, Erendira, through many languages and cultures unearths the forbidden identity of a sex worker on a footpath. Finally, you emerge questioning the intent of our society and political organizations to stop this and the utter disregard for such questions in our democracy.

## A Kept Secret

In Clergy Burnout: Surviving in Turbulent Times, Revised and Expanded, Fred Lehr explores the nature and practice of clergy codependence. In short, insightful, and easily accessible chapters filled with many examples and stories from his own life and the lives of those he has counseled, Lehr identifies the typical forms codependence takes in the life and ministry of clergy. These forms include the chief enabler, who keeps things functioning; the scapegoat, on whom everything that goes wrong is blamed; the hero, the example, the pure and righteous one; the lost child, whom no one really knows or cares about; the rescuer, who saves the day, fixes the problem, makes everything all right again; and the mascot, the cheerleader, the one who offers comic relief, brings down the tension level after a heated discussion. With a new preface, Lehr places the current challenges of ministry in the context of broader cultural shifts. The book concludes with a new chapter, Lehr's hard-won and carefully distilled words of wisdom for those who serve in turbulent times.

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