

Acting on AIDS Recommended Book List

HIV/AIDS

A Guide to Acting on AIDS, ed. Jyl Hall, Laura Barton, and James Pedrick, 2006.

"A Guide to Acting on AIDS" is designed to equip Christian college students with a deeper awareness of the global AIDS pandemic, why their faith should inform their response, and how they can put their faith into action. This practical study examines HIV/AIDS through a variety of different disciplines and perspectives, such as the scientific, socioeconomic, political, and humanitarian impacts of the disease. Each chapter explores what the Bible says about these issues and what is being done globally to respond. The guide is designed for individuals or for groups and includes discussion questions and proposed action items for the readers." (WorldVisionResources.com)

The aWAKE Project: Uniting Against the African AIDS Crisis, Nelson Mandela, Bono, George W. Bush, Jeff Sachs, Kofi Annan, Philip Yancey, Richard Stearns, et al, W Publishing Group, 2002.

"In this all-new collection of stories and essays, some of America's and the world's most well-known believers encourage readers to respond with urgency and compassion to this horrific crisis." (WorldVisionResources.com)

Children Affected by HIV/AIDS: Compassionate Care, ed. Phyllis Kilbourn, 2002.

"Phyllis Kilbourn and others tackle the very difficult issues surrounding the problems of children who are affected by the loss of parents or crucial caregivers due to AIDS. Kilbourn also recommends actions for caregivers when their faith and energy are tested by circumstance." (WorldVisionResources.com)

The Hope Factor: Engaging the Church in the HIV/AIDS Crisis, Charles Colson, Sen. William Frist, John Piper, and Richard Stearns, et al, Authentic Media, 2003.

"This groundbreaking volume brings together today's foremost Christian thinkers and practitioners who are fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic around the world. The authors outline the extent of this global crisis, provide case studies detailing noteworthy interventions, and offer biblical reflections on HIV/AIDS." (WorldVisionResources.com)

Rethinking AIDS Prevention, Dr. Edward Green, Harvard University Press, 2003.

"This is not another book about how AIDS is out of control in Africa and Third World nations, or one complaining about the inadequacy of secured funds to fight the pandemic. The author looks objectively at countries that have succeeded in reducing HIV infection rates...along with a worrisome flip



side to the progress. This book is a bellwether in the escalating controversy, offering persuasive evidence in support of the ABC approach and exposing the fallacies and motivations of its opponents." (Amazon.com)

Social Justice

Children in Crisis, ed. Phyllis Kilbourn, 1996.

"AIDS, abandonment, sexual abuse, forced labor, war, urban violence, and girl-child discrimination destroy far too many children's lives around the world. Kilbourn moves you to a biblical response to these global crises." (WorldVisionResources.com)

Christian Microenterprise Development: An Introduction, David Bussau and Russel Mask, 2003.

"The success of both secular and Christian microenterprise development programs has generated enthusiasm among many Christian organizations, missions, and local churches. This practical handbook shows readers how microenterprise development can enable them to serve communities with integrity, provides secular microenterprise literature, and presents eight case studies of Christian programs around the world to help practitioners and donors better understand how to apply Christian microenterprise development in ways that build Christ's kingdom." (WorldVisionResources.com)

The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time, Jeffrey Sachs, The Penguin Press, 2005.

"Celebrated economist Jeffrey Sachs has a plan to eliminate extreme poverty around the world by 2025. If you think that is too ambitious or wildly unrealistic, you need to read this book. His focus is on the one billion poorest individuals around the world who are caught in a poverty trap of disease, physical isolation, environmental stress, political instability, and lack of access to capital, technology, medicine, and education. The goal is to help these people reach the first rung on the "ladder of economic development" so they can rise above mere subsistence level and achieve some control over their economic futures and their lives. To do this, Sachs proposes nine specific steps, which he explains in great detail in *The End of Poverty*." (Amazon.com)

Local Ownership Global Change, ed. Roland Hoksbergen and Lowell M. Ewert, 2002.

"As global change occurs at breathtaking speed and our communities seemingly become more violent and desolate, many people have come to understand the importance of promoting human development in all corners of the world. Yet we must still grapple with the question of what role civil society should play in that effort and how it should go about addressing those challenges. This book covers the spectrum of that debate within Christian circles." (WorldVisionResources.com)

Long Walk to Freedom, Nelson Mandela, Little, Brown and Company, 1994.

"The famously taciturn South African president reveals much of himself in *Long Walk to Freedom*. A good deal of this autobiography was written secretly while Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years on Robben Island by South Africa's apartheid regime. Among the book's interesting revelations is Mandela's ambivalence toward his lifetime of devotion to public works. It cost him two marriages and kept him distant from a family life he might otherwise have cherished. *Long Walk to Freedom* also discloses a strong and generous spirit that refused to be broken under the most trying circumstances—a spirit in which just about everybody can find something to admire." (Amazon.com)

The Next Christendom, Philip Jenkins, Oxford University Press, 2003.

“Western commentators have recently declared that Christianity is declining, and that it must modernize its beliefs or risk being abandoned altogether. In *The Next Christendom*, Philip Jenkins argues that just the opposite is true: Christianity is on the rise in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and in very traditional forms. Jenkins contends that this southern expansion of the faith will bring enormous religious, political, and social conflicts—of the kind already seen in Indonesia, Nigeria, and the Philippines. Jenkins’ insightful analysis should be considered by Christian strategists, mission planners, and anyone interested in the global role Christianity will play in this new century.” (WorldVisionResources.com)

Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger, Ronald Sider, 1997.

“Do you want to make a true difference in the world? Dr. Ron Sider does. He has, since before he first published *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* in 1978. Despite a dramatic reduction in world hunger since then, 34,000 children still die daily of starvation and preventable disease, and 1.3 billion people, worldwide, remain in abject poverty. So, the professor of theology went back to re-examine the issues by twenty-first century standards. Finding that Conservatives blame morally reprehensible individual choices, and Liberals blame constrictive social and economic policy, Dr. Sider finds himself agreeing with both sides. In this new look at an age-old problem, he offers not only a detailed explanation of the causes, but also a comprehensive series of practical solutions, in the hopes that Christians like him will choose to make a difference.” (Amazon.com)

Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission, David Bosch, Orbis, 1997.

“One of our generation’s most significant works! Presenting the entire range of theological viewpoints from evangelical to mainline, conservative to radical, Orthodox to Roman Catholic, it incisively divides all mission history into a successive series of paradigm shifts.” (ChristianBooks.com)

Walking With the Poor, Bryant Myers, Orbis, 1999.

“Drawing on theological and biblical resources, secular development theory and work done by Christians among the poor, Myers develops a theoretical framework for transformational development and provides cutting-edge tools for those working alongside the poor.” (WorldVisionResources.com)

Spiritual Growth and Action

Faith in Action Study Bible, Zondervan, 2005.

“Unlike any other Bible available, *Faith in Action Study Bible* introduces a new and innovative ‘commentary style’ notes system that’s divided into paired notes: ‘There and Then’ and ‘Here and Now.’ ‘There and Then’ notes provide background information and/or explain or amplify the meaning of the text. ‘Here and Now’ notes explore a variety of contexts, both personal and social/cultural, in which the passage may be applied today. The goal is to invite, coach, encourage, and inspire while using open-ended questions and invitations for reflection.” (WorldVisionResources.com)

Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality, Donald Miller, Nelson Books, 2003.

“‘I never liked jazz music because jazz music doesn’t resolve. . . . I used to not like God because God didn’t resolve. But that was before any of this happened.’ In Donald Miller’s early years, he was vaguely familiar with a distant God. But when he came to know Jesus Christ, he pursued the Christian life with great zeal.

Within a few years he had a successful ministry that ultimately left him feeling empty, burned out, and, once again, far away from God. In this intimate, soul-searching account, Miller describes his remarkable journey back to a culturally relevant, infinitely loving God." (DonaldMillerStore.com)

Final Quest, Rick Joyner, Whitaker House, 1997.

"Witness the final struggle between Satan's minions and God's saints through the eyes of this modern-day prophet! Joyner's stunning panoramic vision takes you from the front lines of the spiritual battle to the gates of heaven and beyond. This incredible journey will inspire you to fight the good fight." (ChristianBooks.com)

The Gospel in a Pluralist Society, Lesslie Newbigin, Eerdmans, 1989.

"How does the gospel relate to a pluralist society? What is the Christian message in a society marked by religious pluralism, ethnic diversity, and cultural relativism? Should Christians encountering today's pluralist society concentrate on evangelism or on dialogue? How does the prevailing climate of opinion affect, perhaps infect, Christians' faith? These kinds of questions are addressed in this book by Lesslie Newbigin. A highly respected Christian leader and ecumenical figure, Newbigin provides a brilliant analysis of contemporary (secular, humanist, pluralist) culture and suggests how Christians can more confidently affirm their faith in such a context." (ChristianBooks.com)

Mustard Seed vs. McWorld, Tom Sine, Baker Books, 1999.

"Because Tom Sine thinks carefully about our past and our future, we can take seriously what he says about our present. *Mustard Seed vs. McWorld* is an important book about our present and how, with divine creativity, we might envision our future. An important read that we neglect to our peril." (Amazon.com)

Searching for God Knows What, Donald Miller, Nelson Books, 2004.

"In *Searching for God Knows What*, Donald Miller's provocative and funny, new book, he shows readers that the greatest desire of every person is the desire for redemption. Every person is constantly seeking redemption (or at least the feeling of it) in his or her life, believing countless gospels that promise to fix the brokenness. Typically their pursuits include the desire for fulfilling relationships, successful careers, satisfying religious systems, status, and escape. Miller reveals how the inability to find redemption leads to chaotic relationships, self-hatred, the accumulation of meaningless material possessions, and a lack of inner peace. Readers will learn to identify in themselves and within others the universal desire for redemption. They will discover that the gospel of Jesus is the only way to find meaning in life and true redemption. Mature believers as well as seekers and new Christians will find themselves identifying with the narrative journey unfolded in the book, which is simply the pursuit of redemption." (DonaldMillerStore.com)

Taking It to the Streets: Using the Arts to Transform Your Community, J. Nathan Corbitt and Vivian Nix-Earl, 2003.

"This practical handbook combines real life stories with tested methodologies to create a new paradigm for the role of the arts in Christian ministry and mission. *Taking It to the Streets* provides a historical perspective and theology for understanding the transforming power of the arts, a vocabulary for discussing the arts outside the sanctuary, and creative methods for turning faith into action in society. An ideal textbook for urban missions and youth ministry courses, *Taking It to the Streets* will also be a valued resource for churches devoted to creative mission." (WorldVisionResources.com)