



# ABW Reads! 2025

## Bible Books

1 Kings  
1 and 2 Corinthians

## Periodical

*Tidings Magazine*

## Spiritual Enrichment

*3:16: The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado

*Live Your Truth and Other Lies: Exposing Popular Deceptions that Make Us Anxious, Exhausted, and Self-Obsessed*, by Alisa Childers

## Missions/Current Events

*Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference, and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*, by Jessica McDiarmid

*Because the Spirit Was There: Windows into First Nations Communities*, by Belma Vardy

*Shackled: One Woman's Dramatic Triumph Over Persecution, Gender Abuse, and a Death Sentence*, by Miriam Ibraheem

## Bible Study/ABW Elective

*28 Days to Powerful Prayer*, by Dave Earley

### *3:16: The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado

This book is based on John 3:16—the most hopeful verse in the Bible. Each word is full of treasure. Max Lucado delves into each word and phrase and helps you to understand more fully the living hope you have through Jesus' death and resurrection, God's grace, and his great love for you.

### *Live Your Truth and Other Lies*, by Alisa Childers

Tired of reading self-help books that you are led to believe will give you freedom and direction, or following social media posts that make you feel you need to meet today's cultural standards? This book will give you God's truth. Childers exposes many mainstream ideas that are slammed at us. She reveals them as deceptive and encourages us to instead look at the truths in God's Word.

### *Highway of Tears*, by Jessica McDiarmid

Jessica researched extensively to tell true stories of missing and murdered Indigenous women on western Canada's Highway 16 and the long and ongoing road to recognition of these horrible events. In light of the Truth and Reconciliation efforts in Canada, this book helps educate us as to some of the problems and atrocities that continue to happen to our First Nations people. McDiarmid followed many of the cases to the courts and to actions by the police forces and the government.

### *Because the Spirit Was There*, by Belma Vardy

This book makes a good case for how a Christian-based group can help in the recovery of abused and trafficked individuals. Although limited in the number of stories, it makes a solid companion book to *Highway of Tears*. It tells the stories of several Indigenous people who were able to recover from the pits of addiction and abuse on the streets of Vancouver and other places in Canada with the support of Christian workers.

### *Shackled*, by Miriam Ibraheem

A page-turning memoir of a courageous and faithful follower of Christ, Miriam begins with her unusual place of birth and continues with her life as a Christian living in a Muslim world. Imprisoned for refusing to renounce her faith, she eventually escaped hanging and went on to bring international attention to her story and the atrocities still endured by others. An enlightening account which challenges us to think about how many Christians are persecuted for their beliefs.

### *28 Days to Powerful Prayer*, by Dave Earley

Earley looks at prayer in a new way. His purpose is to help us establish a closer relationship to God our Father. He gives concrete steps to meaningful prayer, in a short but powerful, easy-to-read format. This book would work well for an individual or as a group study.