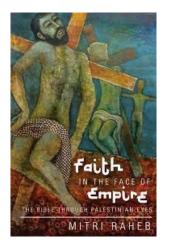
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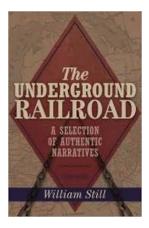


#### FAITH IN THE FACE OF EMPIRE: The Bible through Palestinian eyes Mitri Raheb £16.99

In this pioneering revisionist reading of the Bible, Mitri Raheb, pastor of the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, brings his personal experience and meticulous research to offer a new perspective on a two-thousand-year-old theology. The struggle of Jesus and his compatriots in the Palestine of the period bears a striking similarity to the current situation endured by the residents of the land. But not until now has a Palestinian Christian narrative been created that reflects this experience and challenges accepted notions. Mitri Raheb scrutinizes the Bible and finds not just a story of his own people, but a revolutionary text that offers hope and a base to build a future that will transcend the power of imperial control.

## THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: A selection of authentic narratives William Still £6.99

First published in 1872, William Still's collection of accounts and letters is a powerful testament to the trials and tribulations of fugitive slaves who used the Underground Railroad, a secret network that enabled them to escape from bondage. A 'conductor' for the railroad, Still was the son of a fugitive slave himself and a campaigner for social reform. This abridged edition of *The Underground Railroad* brings to light the terrors experienced by the thousands of African-Americans who sought a better life in the northern states of America and Canada. Incredibly moving, it offers a fascinating insight into this vital aspect of nineteenth-century American history.





### LOBBYING FOR CHANGE: Find your voice to create a better society Alberto Alemanno £8.99

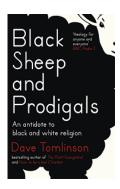
Many democratic societies are experiencing a crisis of faith. Citizens are making clear their frustration with their supposedly representative governments, which instead seem driven by the interests of big business, powerful individuals and wealthy lobby groups. What can we do about it? How do we fix democracy and get our voices heard? The answer, argues Alberto Alemanno, is to become change-makers – citizen lobbyists. By using our skills and talents and mobilising others, we can bring about social and political change. Whoever you are, you've got power, and this book will show you how to unleash it.

## FAMILIAR STRANGER: A Life Between Two Islands Stuart Hall £25.00

This is the story, in his own words, of the extraordinary life of Stuart Hall: writer, thinker and one of the leading intellectual lights of his age. Growing up in 1930s Jamaica, Hall found himself caught between the stiflingly respectable middle class in Kingston, and working-class and peasant Jamaica. But as colonial rule was challenged, things began to change in Jamaica and across the world. When a scholarship took Hall to Oxford, he encountered other Caribbean writers and thinkers, and began to develop his groundbreaking ideas on cultural theory. Hall's struggle to build a home amid the rapidly changing social climate of postwar Britain is told with the passion and wisdom he brought to his whole life.



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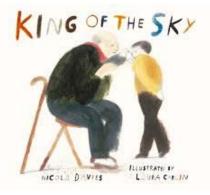


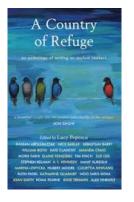
### BLACK SHEEP AND PRODIGALS: an antidote to black and white religion Dave Tomlinson £14.99

Do you feel more at home on the edges of faith than at the centre? Would you call yourself a bit of a black sheep? Too often Christian spirituality has been associated with conformity. But it doesn't have to be like this; our spiritual communities can be 'laboratories of the Spirit' - places where we can explore issues of faith with openness, imagination and creativity. Welcome to black sheep spirituality – where doubts and questions are an essential part of faith; where divine revelation is embraced wherever it is found; and where faith is something that is lived.

#### KING OF THE SKY Nicola Davies and Laura Carlin £12.99

Starting a new life in a new country, a young boy feels lost and alone – till he meets an old man who keeps racing pigeons. Together they pin their dreams on a race across Europe and the special bird they hope can win it: King of the Sky. Sold in aid of Amnesty International and with beautiful, evocative illustrations by Laura Carlin, this is a moving and timeless story about the meaning of home, which will touch and inspire people of all ages.





#### A COUNTRY OF REFUGE: an anthology of writing on asylum seekers Lucy Popescu £8.99

Compiled and edited by human rights activist and writer Lucy Popescu, this powerful collection of short fiction, memoir, poetry and essays explores what it really means to be a refugee: to flee from conflict, poverty and terror; to have to leave your home and family behind; and to undertake a perilous journey, only to arrive on less than welcoming shores. These writings are a testament to the strength of the human spirit. The contributors articulate simple truths about migration that will challenge the way we think about and act towards the dispossessed and those forced to seek a safe place to call home.

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