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COMING SOON

## GOD B.C.

• *Anthony Phillips*

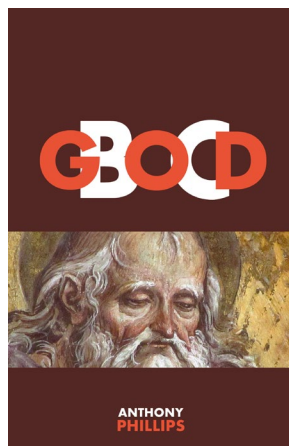
PAPERBACK (c.120 pages)

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Second edition (previously published as the Bishop of London's Lent book in 1977 by Oxford University Press).



Forty years ago in *God B.C.* Anthony Phillips showed how the Hebrews gradually developed their ideas about the God revealed in the scriptures known to Christians as the Old Testament. This revised and much expanded volume revisits that work in the light of more recent scholarship and provides a lucid introduction to the nature of the God whom Jesus called "Father".

Phillips describes how the Hebrews' faith was constantly reinterpreted as a result of historical events. Yet over some things they were forced to remain agnostic. This is confirmed by Jesus, who upheld the validity of the law and the prophets, but died with an unanswered question on his lips. In a passionate conclusion Phillips urges Christians to follow Jesus and embrace their humanity.

**ANTHONY PHILLIPS** is widely published. He was born in Cornwall in 1936. After leaving school he trained as a solicitor and, after practicing briefly in London, offered himself for ordination in the Church of England. He read theology at King's College, London and then undertook a PhD studying the Ten Commandments at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. His thesis was published as "Ancient Israel's Criminal Law".

*In 1966, following a short period at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, Phillips was ordained to a curacy in Cambridge. Three years later, he was elected Dean and Chaplain of Trinity Hall, Cambridge where he taught Old Testament Studies. During this time he undertook television work for ATV and made and presented documentaries for BBC Radio 3. He was also appointed Canon Theologian of Truro Cathedral.*

*In 1975 he moved to be Chaplain of St John's College, Oxford where he continued to teach Old Testament studies. In 1986 he was appointed Headmaster of The King's School, Canterbury which he made fully co-educational. He became an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral.*

*After ten years as Headmaster, Phillips retired to his native Cornwall where he played a full part in the life of the church, educational and arts institutions, lectured on cruise ships, and travelled widely in Europe, the Middle East and the USA. In Who's Who, he describes his recreations as gardening and beachcombing. He is a Liveryman of the Broderers Company. Recently he returned to live in Oxford, and is married with two sons and a daughter.*

**NEW****ALTERNATIVE COLLECTS**

Prayers to a Disruptive  
and Compassionate God

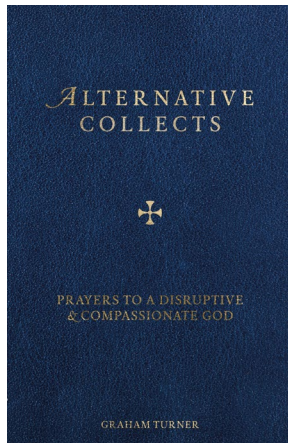
• *Graham Turner*

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"Graham Turner has written a new set of collects that follow in the wake of Cramner. Turner fully understands and appreciates the force of the genre; his offer is a set of prayers that are fiercely timely, bold in their claims, and venturesome in their voicing. I cannot think of better access points to worship than those offered by Turner."

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN  
Columbia Theological Seminary

These radical prayers break the mould of the "collect" prayers that are so familiar to millions of Christians worldwide. They are the result of the author's struggle with the blandness and predictability of so many of the church's traditional prayers. Useful for both personal and liturgical devotion, these prayers will both challenge and nourish.

**GRAHAM TURNER** *has served in a variety of parishes for over thirty years, mostly in urban neighbourhoods. Through community enterprises and businesses he has worked tirelessly to help overcome social injustice while also exploring a range of Christian traditions to help deepen his own faith as well as that of others.*

*Turner grew up in Manchester. After an initial engineering apprenticeship and obtaining an electronics degree, Turner studied theology to enter the Anglican ministry.*

*During his time as a parish priest, he has been involved in planting new congregations, and changing parish structures to reduce their hierarchical nature. He is now a full-time chaplain at a public-sector prison in the North West of England.*

*He is married with two grown-up children.*



**NEW**

### THE PARADISE TREE

Personal Prayer  
through Poetry

• *John Davey*

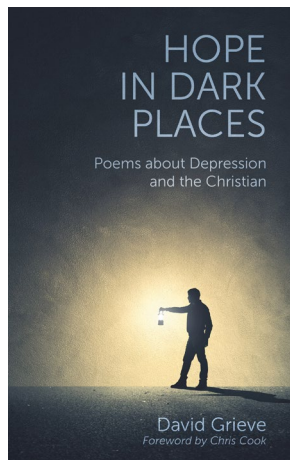
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and the Christian

• *David Grieve*

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**NEW**

### CROSS PURPOSES

Reflections for Good Friday

• *Kevin Carey*

**PAPERBACK (224 pages)**

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*A collection of thought-  
provoking reflections inviting  
us to contemplate the events  
of Good Friday in new ways.*

It is all-too-easy to become so wrapped up in the celebration of Easter Day that the preceding days are forgotten. The reflections are diverse, from Peter's clumsy fear to the Seven Last Words, and are based on a series of addresses given during the two hours at the foot of the cross on Good Friday.

**KEVIN CAREY** has recently retired as Chairman of RNIB, the UK's leading blindness charity, and is himself blind. As an undergraduate at Cambridge, he was President of the Union and Editor of Varsity. He joined the BBC as a journalist, and was involved in early experiments to broadcast from Parliament. Carey is in demand internationally as an accessibility and e-inclusion consultant, having worked for Sight Savers International. He is a Reader in the Church of England, and lives in West Sussex with his wife Margaret.

**NEW****MISSION FROM BELOW**

Growing a Kingdom  
Community

• Janet Hodgson

**PAPERBACK (128 pages)**

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*"A book that needs to be taken very seriously" ~ Philip North, Bishop of Burnley*

This is an inspiring example of how a seriously deprived community can bring about its own transformation without any fads or initiatives imposed from on high by the church. It is a radical and controversial challenge to the top-down leadership models that are so widespread in the church, instead making the case for a new model of people-driven servant leadership, guided by the Holy Spirit towards kingdom growth rather than church growth.

Using the example of two Loretto Sisters working alongside one of the most socially-deprived communities in North East England, we see how they listened to and empowered people who felt forgotten and had lost hope. As servant leaders, the sisters were gradually able to empower the residents of Port Clarence on the River Tees to confront the many injustices heaped upon them, and to take action in improving their lives.

*"A thrilling book. A true and compelling story of mission on the front line. The author has the theological skill to draw out of the story some timely and challenging lessons for the modern church."*

MICHAEL TURNBULL, former Bishop of Durham

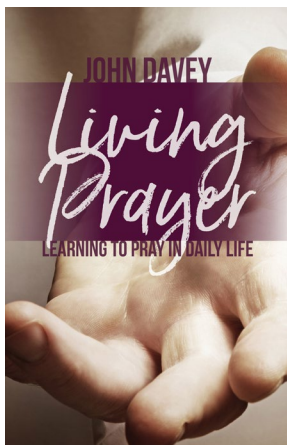
**JANET HODGSON** was born Cape Town (South Africa) in 1936, and has lived at the Cape all her life, except for fourteen years as a mission theologian in the United Kingdom.

*In 1957, Janet obtained degrees from Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town, followed by a PhD in 1985. She lectured in Religious Studies at UCT while bringing up four children, and is widely published. The field research for her academic studies took her all over South Africa and Canada.*

*Janet moved to the UK in 1987 having been granted an Honorary Fellowship in the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, New College, Edinburgh. At the same time she was a tutor and taught mission in the Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham for 18 months. She was then appointed Mission Adviser for USPG in the Dioceses of Oxford and St Albans for five years. Finally, she was appointed Adviser in Local Mission/Diocesan missionary in the Diocese of Durham from 1994 to the end of 2001, before retiring to South Africa.*

*During her 7 years in North East England she lived in Hartlepool but travelled the length and breadth of the Diocese of Durham and nationally. Janet has battled with macular degeneration for the last two decades, but is still writing.*





### **LIVING PRAYER**

Learning to Pray  
in Daily Life

• *John Davey*

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Prayer can seem like a formidable challenge. Even if we find the time to pray in our busy lives, knowing what to say, or how to say it, can be daunting, and even make us feel inadequate before God. In this concise book, John Davey introduces prayer not with abstract theory but with actual prayers and scripture that can be used everyday.

This gentle introduction to praying starts with the Lord's Prayer before guiding the reader through the first steps of prayer, and building on that with a simple structure of morning, evening and night prayer.

This book is a perfect gift for anyone who is new to faith, or struggling with their prayer life. Each chapter builds on the last with baby steps, so that the reader is not overwhelmed.



### **THE DIVINE HEART OF DARKNESS**

Finding God in  
the Shadows

• *Catherine Bird*

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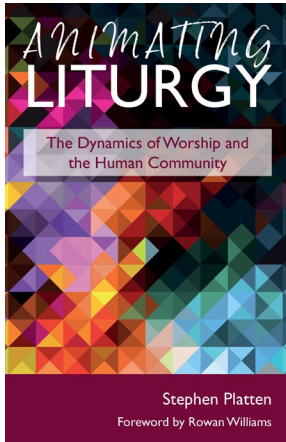
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Includes a travel diary of the  
author's inspirational trip to  
Svalbard, Norway.

There is a universal assumption that associates darkness with fear and evil. Why is it that light has come to be exalted, venerated—worshipped even—whilst darkness has become demonised and feared? Catherine Bird explores how we can use the experience of darkness to lift our spirits, challenge our hearts and minds, and draw us closer into the heart of God.

Drawing on material not only from Biblical and religious studies, but also from anthropology, biology, sociology and the creative arts, *The Divine Heart of Darkness* offers a new way of understanding darkness with beautiful and life-affirming qualities—not reflecting a dichotomy of good and evil, but rather a balanced universe in which God's nature is revealed in all things which are healing and affirming of life.





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The Dynamics of Worship  
and the Human Community

• *Stephen Platten*

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Forewords by Rowan Williams and Paul F. Bradshaw

**STEPHEN PLATTEN** *is one of the foremost liturgists of our times, and was Chair of the Church of England Liturgical Commission from 2004 to 2014.*

*Born in London, he was educated at the Stationers' Company's School, after which he read theology at Cuddesdon College and then Trinity College, Oxford.*

*Platten was formerly the Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs, Dean of Norwich, Bishop of Wakefield, and Minister Provincial of the European Province of the Third Order of Saint Francis. He was admitted to the House of Lords in 2009. He has been Chairman of the Council of Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd since 2013.*

*"The breadth and depth of Stephen Platten's theological and liturgical interests are clearly displayed in this wide-ranging collection which deserves a wide readership."*

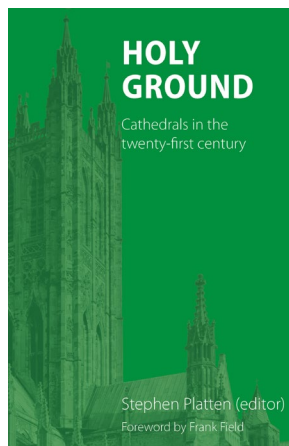
THE REVD CANON DR SIMON JONES  
Fellow & Chaplain, Merton College Oxford

Endorsed by the doyen of Anglican liturgy, Paul F. Bradshaw, and former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, this collection of essays is essential reading not only for students of liturgy and ordinands, but for anyone with even a passing interest in the background of the Church's ceremonies and rites.

Liturgy forms both individuals and the community in the faith and life of the Christian gospel. *Animating Liturgy* invites readers to consider the liturgical offering which stands at the heart of the Christian faith. It brings together essays by liturgist Stephen Platten which take readers in three main directions:

- the sacraments, their history and their celebration
- liturgical history, study and practice
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The essays integrate our understanding and practice of the liturgy and in doing so offer insights to a broad range of readers.



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Cathedrals in the  
twenty-first century

• *Stephen Platten (editor)*

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*Foreword by Frank Field MP*

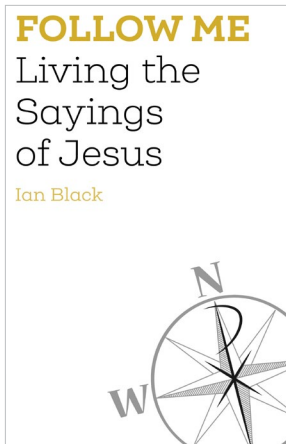
Cathedrals today face a paradox: on the one hand they represent one of the biggest success stories and mission opportunities of the present-day church; on the other they face seemingly insurmountable financial difficulties, and are largely left by the church and government to fend for themselves.

Many—both within and outside the church—argue that cathedrals are an irrelevance. But cathedrals are one area of the church's life where increasingly the unchurched and the half-believer encounter God, and where the institutions of our society instinctively engage with the Christian gospel. They are missionary in any number of ways.

*Holy Ground* digs deep into the life of England's cathedrals, and discusses such diverse topics as finance, growth, heritage, liturgy, development, music and art.

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Living the Sayings of Jesus

• *Ian Black*

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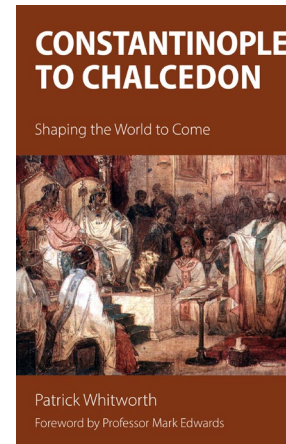
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The Bible is full of instructions for how we ought to behave if we want to be a follower of Jesus, but these often seem far removed from our busy twenty-first century lives. *Follow Me* uncovers how Jesus' words are still relevant, and distils the essence of the Gospel message for today, providing practical steps that all of us can take to live the sayings of Jesus.

Using true stories, Ian Black draws connections between what Jesus said and how we live today in all its messiness and complexity. Based on Jesus' words "follow me", he reflects on acts of loving service, the commandment to love, prayer, money, forgiveness, self-sacrifice, mission, and the Eucharist.

Each chapter ends with a series of questions for private or group reflection and a prayer.



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Shaping the World to Come

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The period covered by this book (AD 381–451) is the first in which the church can be said to have exercised a dominant role in political history. For some it is the period in which the church lost its innocence. Yet without the innovations of Constantine and his successors, it is hard for us to imagine what Christianity might have been. Without this time of consolidation and increasing conformity, Europe would not have existed as we now know it—nor, for that matter, would Islam.

This book is neither an apology nor a polemic, but the real history of real people who were trying to uphold eternal truths in a fallen and transitory world.



**A BRIEF HISTORY  
OF END TIME**

Prophecy and Apocalypse,  
then and now

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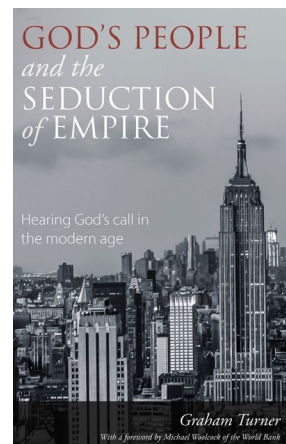
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Blake, Nostradamus, Christian fundamentalists, and latter-day prophets are just some of the many individuals and groups—both religious and secular—who have speculated about the end of the world.

In this thoroughly entertaining exploration of end-time ideas and beliefs, Dr Paula Clifford indulges her own fascination with the colourful array of characters and events, and artefacts associated with them. She reaches thoughtful and surprising conclusions in light of today's fears of environmental catastrophe and an ever-increasing knowledge of the origins and destiny of our universe.



**GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE  
SEDUCTION OF EMPIRE**

Hearing God's call in  
the modern age

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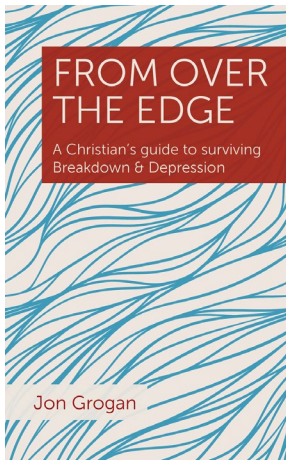
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Graham Turner confronts many of our comforting assumptions about the story of God's people. Taking us on a journey through scripture, he draws together familiar texts (and some unpopular passages) to demonstrate that the Old and New Testaments coalesce around two central themes: personal spirituality and social justice.

Following God's call to Abraham and Jesus' call to his disciples, we are called to a higher truth—the Kingdom of God—whose equality, peace and love seems foolish to the world, including, sadly, many Christians. It is, however, the path to freedom.



## FROM OVER THE EDGE

A Christian's guide to surviving Breakdown & Depression  
• *Jon Grogan*

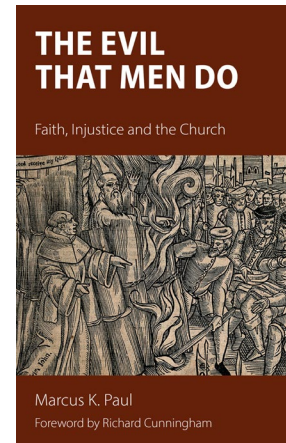
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An intimate account of struggling with depression and breakdown as a Christian.

Many Christians who suffer from depression and mental breakdown struggle to rationalise it with their faith. In this honest and thoughtful book, Jon Grogan shares what helped him to understand and recover from depressive illness. This empathetic approach will help sufferers feel better understood, with an improved understanding of the issues they deal with on a daily basis, and a renewed sense of place within the church community.

*From Over The Edge* addresses the way in which different Christian spiritual traditions can be drawn upon to help sufferers and complement treatments that are likely to be on offer.



## THE EVIL THAT MEN DO

Faith, Injustice and the Church

• *Marcus Paul*

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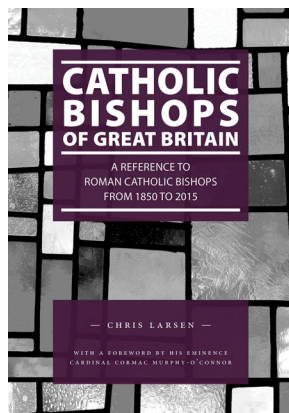
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"Read it and be challenged" ~  
*Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds*

At a time when barbarous acts of terrorism are being committed globally and society ponders whether the perpetrators are legitimate religious adherents, Marcus Paul makes an unflinching and counter-cultural examination of some of the worst periods in the Church's history.

Were the crusades entirely inexcusable religious wars? Was the Inquisition the bloody and sadistic "Black Legend" of popular imagination? How can we understand the goodness of God after two brutalising world wars? In a refreshingly frank treatment of the Church's past failings, this book fills a gap in our understanding of what it is to be Christian in the twenty-first century.



## **CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF GREAT BRITAIN**

A Reference to Roman Catholic Bishops from 1850 to 2015

• *Chris Larsen*

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Foreword by His Eminence  
Cardinal Cormac Murphy-  
O'Connor Archbishop  
Emeritus of Westminster

**CHRIS LARSEN** was born in Croydon in 1977 and attended the John Fisher School, Purley before graduating from UWE, Bristol in 1999.

*For a few years, he tried a vocation to the priesthood at the Royal English College of St Alban at Valladolid in Spain and it was during this time that an interest in the diocesan history of Great Britain and its various bishops began to emerge. Since then, he has maintained a record of episcopal appointments, which has now developed into a valuable reference resource.*

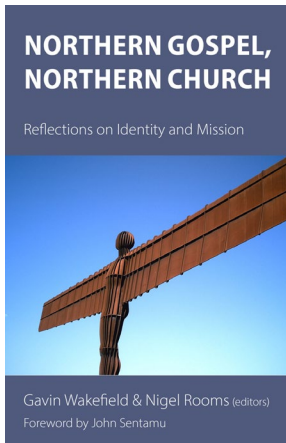
This essential reference catalogues the biographical history and significant events of all Roman Catholic diocesan bishops who have been in office since the Restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy in England and Wales in 1850, and in Scotland since the Restoration in 1878. The work has developed over a number of years into a comprehensive reference guide to over 300 men, ordained in the episcopal order, who have given their life in service to the Church.

Drawing on a wide variety of sources, this book will appeal to all those interested in the general history and origins of the post-Restoration Roman Catholic dioceses in Great Britain, and be of particular use to diocesan archivists and yearbook editors. It presents the information as completely, concisely and consistently as possible.

As this book records the episcopal milestones of the last two hundred years, it also stands as a respectful testament to those bishops who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, who continue to inspire and encourage their living successors in the Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain today.

- Description and brief history of each diocese, including coats of arms
- Biographical details of all former and current bishops
- Translations of the Letters Apostolic
- Contact details of all serving bishops
- Chronological listing of significant episcopal events
- Indexes of titular sees and cardinal titles





## **NORTHERN GOSPEL, NORTHERN CHURCH**

Reflections on Identity and Mission

• *Gavin Wakefield and  
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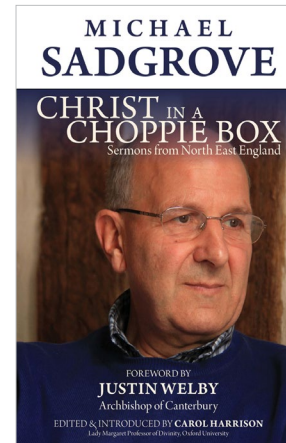
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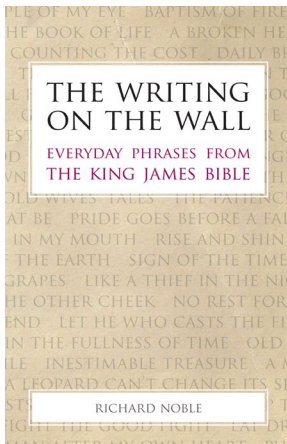
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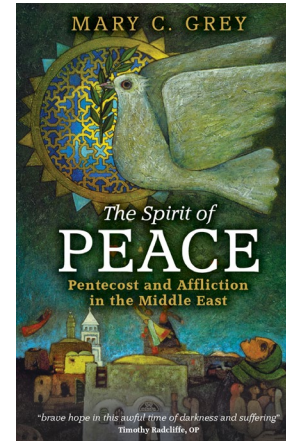
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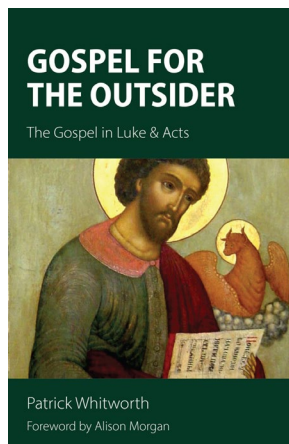
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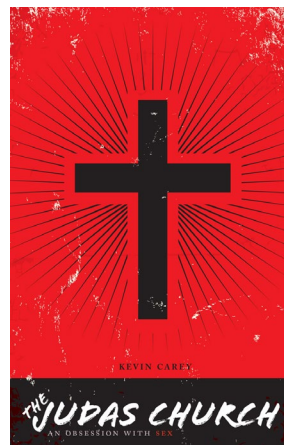
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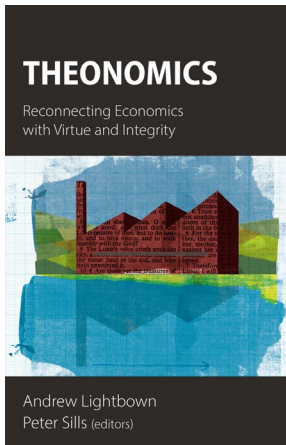
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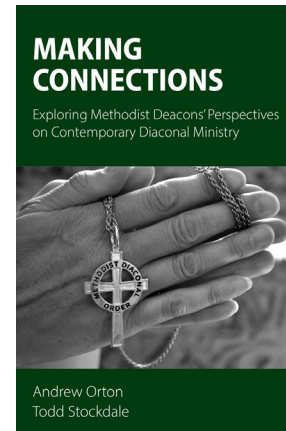
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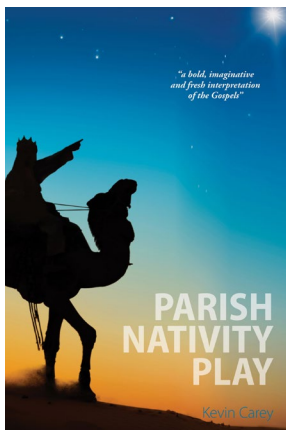
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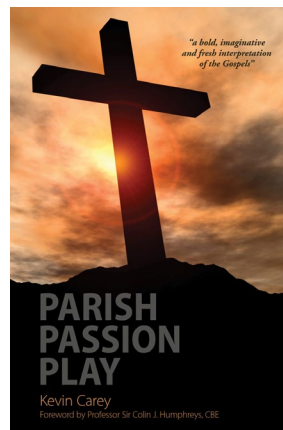
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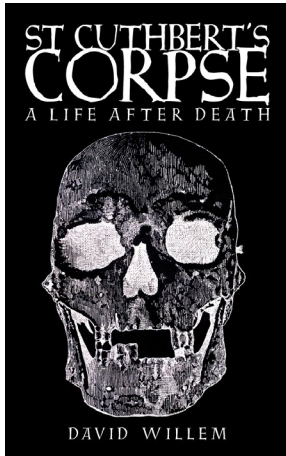
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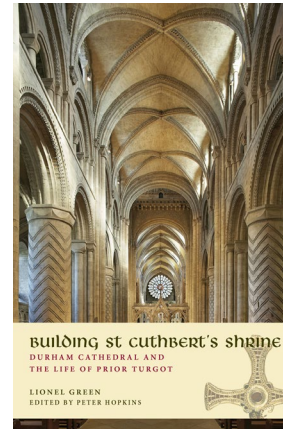
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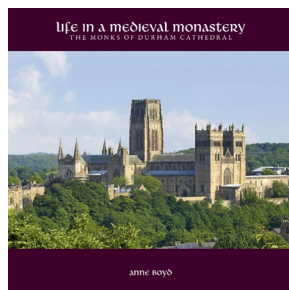
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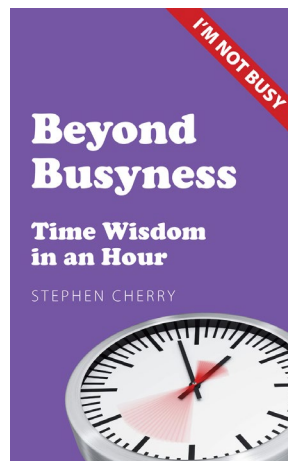
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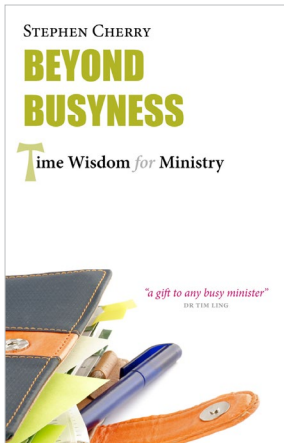
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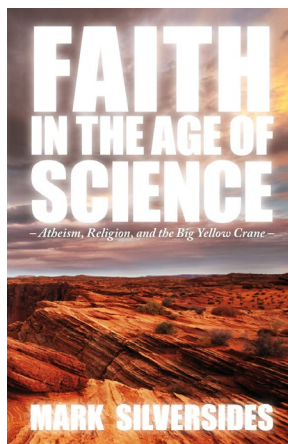
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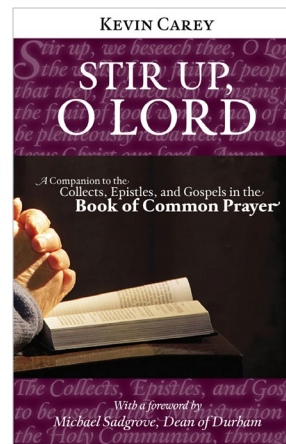
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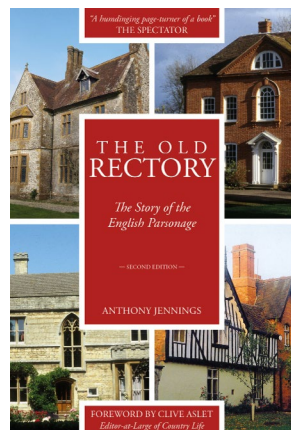
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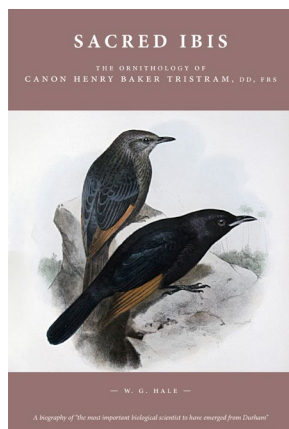
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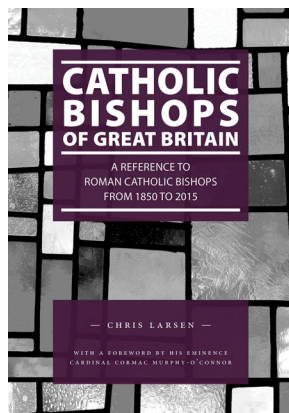
*Hale has published widely in the fields of entomology and ornithology, and recently on antiquarian bird books. He is author of several books and is a past president of Liverpool Ornithologists' Club.*

Henry Baker Tristram was a surprising and remarkable man: explorer, ornithologist, and priest. With his wild beard (for which he required special permission from his bishop) he undertook expeditions to the Sahara and Palestine at a time when doing so was even more fraught with danger than it is today. As a founding member of the British Ornithologists' Union (BOU), he contributed regularly to its journal, *Ibis*, as well as other scientific journals. Tristram's nickname in the BOU was "Sacred Ibis".

Tristram was a collector par excellence, acquiring extensive collections running to tens of thousands of specimens, primarily of birds, but also of plants, fish, mammals, insects, molluscs, geological samples and archaeological material. He was the first scientist to support Charles Darwin in print, and became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1868 supported by his great friend Alfred Newton as well as Darwin.

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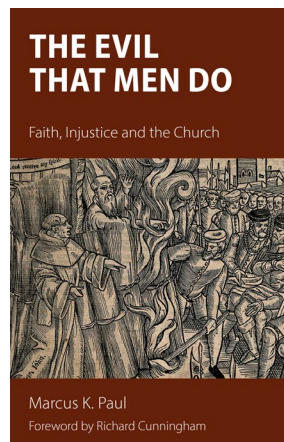
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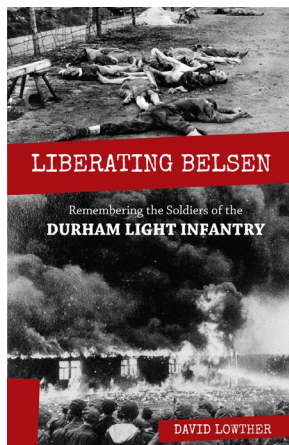
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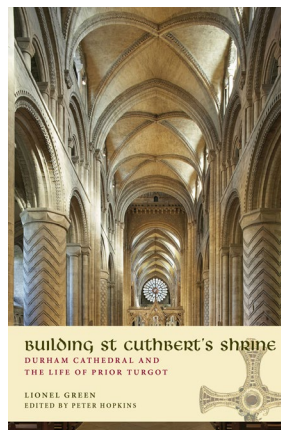
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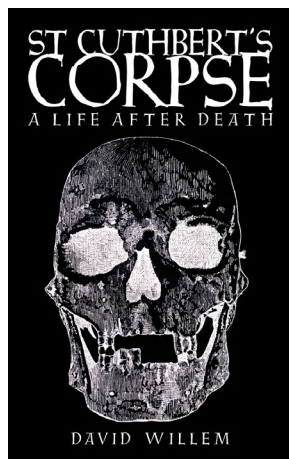
Foreword by David Rollason.  
Includes maps, illustrations,  
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This is the story of Prior Turgot—a man who, after many adventures in his youth, was shipwrecked while returning from Norway and transported to the realms of St Cuthbert—an unsung enabler who oversaw the construction of the great architectural masterpiece that is Durham Cathedral.

Turgot was close to the Scottish royal family, and wrote an account of the life of St Margaret. In 1104 he supervised the opening of the tomb of St Cuthbert, and arranged the transfer of the remains to a splendid shrine within the new cathedral.

Through reading Turgot's story, a great deal can be learnt about the building of Durham Cathedral, the story of St Cuthbert, and the earliest pre-Norman settlements which grew into an iconic city and World Heritage Site.





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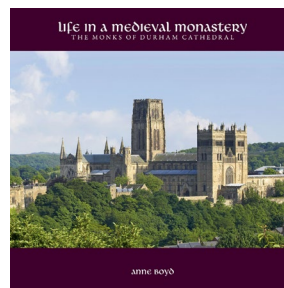
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The miracle of St Cuthbert's incorrupt corpse has been the subject of much fascination since his death over thirteen-hundred years ago, inspiring pilgrims, monks, and even the construction of Durham Cathedral itself. Throughout the centuries, Cuthbert's coffin has been opened on six occasions. For the first time, accounts of these openings have been brought together in a single volume, providing a unique history of the Saint from his death to the present day.

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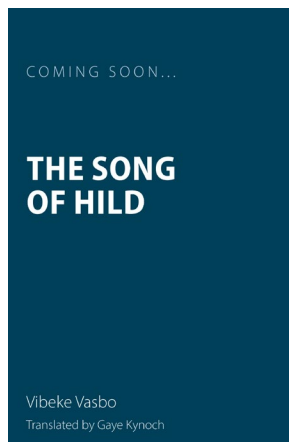
Through its buildings, and the books, treasures and records housed within, the world of Durham's monastic past comes alive once more, offering clues to the history of this vital Norman stronghold, and providing a critical exemplar of the medieval monastic life.

Originally published in 1975 by CUP, this third edition contains new maps, illustrations, and photography.

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**THE SONG OF HILD**

• *Vibeke Vasbo, translated  
by Gaye Kynoch*

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Translated from the Danish bestseller *Hildas sang*, this novel is based on the life of Abbess Hild of Whitby (AD 614–680) in the religious and political upheavals of seventh-century Northern Britain. As well as focusing on the lives of women, the book also reveals tensions between Danish-German invaders and the native Celts as a mirror for power struggles that reverberate internationally today.

In the novel the influential women find themselves having to contend with life within a patriarchal society, which included historical figures such as Penda of Mercia, Bishop Aidan, King Oswy, King Oswald, Sigebert of East Anglia, Wilfrid of Hexham, Caedwalla of Wales, and Edwin of Northumbria. The reader is taken to the burial at Sutton Hoo, the Battle of Hatfield, and the Synod of Whitby. It is an exciting and enthralling novel, totally true to the historian Bede and archaeological sources.

Originally published by Gyldendal in 1991, *Hildas sang* was reviewed as being “written with dynamism and grim humour ... there can be no doubt it will reach many readers, internationally too ... a bestseller of great literary quality” (Poul Borum, *Ekstra Bladet*).

*Hildas sang* was number 1 on the Danish bestseller list and remained in the top 10 for several months. It has received much critical acclaim over the years, and has also been published in Norway, where it was extremely well received.

**VIBEKE VASBO** *lives in Denmark. She researched Hildas sang during her four years in Hull, UK, while married to the Danish seamen’s chaplain. She is the author of novels, poetry, essays, short stories, translations (from English, German and Norwegian), literary criticism, radio essays, and lectures. She has also appeared numerous times on Danish television and radio, and she has frequently been interviewed in the print media—not only about her writing, but also about her active and varied life and political activism: working as a crane driver in Oslo, for example, and her pioneering work in the Women’s Movements. Vibeke Vasbo is active in the Danish Writers’ Association. She is currently finishing her latest novel.*

**GAYE KYNOCH** *is a freelance translator from Danish to English, with nearly 30 years’ experience translating books, essays and articles on topics related to history and the arts, in addition to theatre plays and works of fiction. She is British, and now lives in Denmark.*



## THE SUMMER OF '39

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A thrilling tale of spies,  
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Britain is under attack on two fronts. The IRA is mounting a bombing campaign on the mainland, and agents of the German Secret Service are collecting vital information to help them if war breaks out.

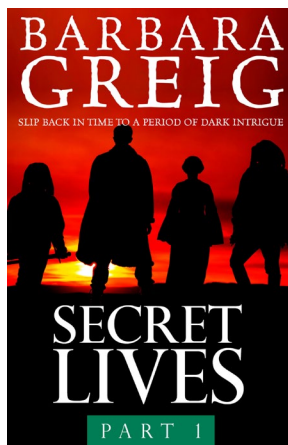
A young investigative journalist unearths a link between the IRA and Nazi Germany and, with the help of two teenage boys and Scotland Yard's Special Branch, uncovers two plots which threaten Britain's preparations for war.

Meanwhile, the Gestapo are blackmailing a young Jewish girl who has come to England through the Kinder Transport and is working in the service of a senior Foreign Office Diplomat. A daring operation is mounted to rescue her parents from under the noses of the Gestapo in Berlin.

**DAVID LOWTHER** was born in South West London and raised in South Wales. Having trained as a teacher, he worked in secondary schools and in tertiary education in the North of England until his retirement. In his early years he taught Physical Education, but later specialised in GCSE and A-Level History. After retirement he taught part-time at the University of Portsmouth before moving to Durham for several years, and now lives in Surrey with his wife.

*In his earlier years, David was a keen sportsman, as both an athlete and playing rugby at club level. Aside from sport and history, his other great love is the cinema, and was onetime Chairman of the Tyneside Cinema Film Club, and a member of the British Film Institute. These passions are all reflected in the detail of his novels.*

*David is a regular fixture at the Durham Book Festival. His first novel, The Blue Pencil (page 35), saw the light of day as a self-published Kindle e-book. It was noticed by Sacristy Press who published it in late 2012. David went on to pen three further books about World War Two. The first of these, Liberating Belsen (page 27), is an introduction to the Durham Light Infantry and the harrowing role they played in liberating the Belsen concentration camp. This was an event that shocked the nation, and the subject has been handled with great sensitivity by David in his book. His second novel is entitled Two Families at War (page 33), and is a fictionalised account of the skulduggery that went on between families during the Blitz.*



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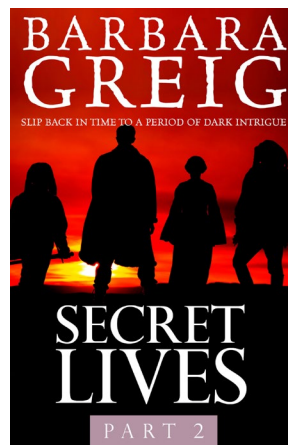
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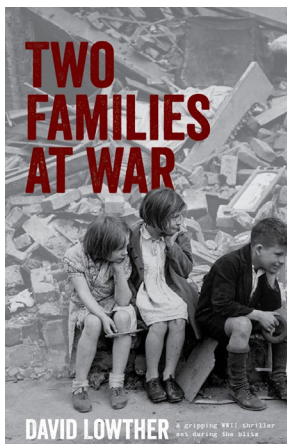
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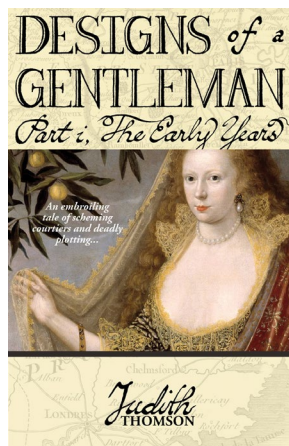
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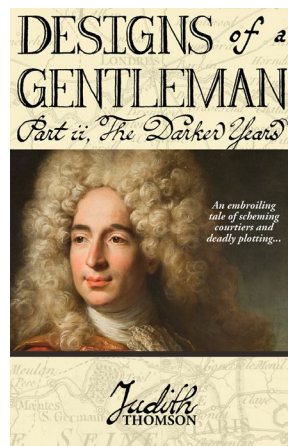
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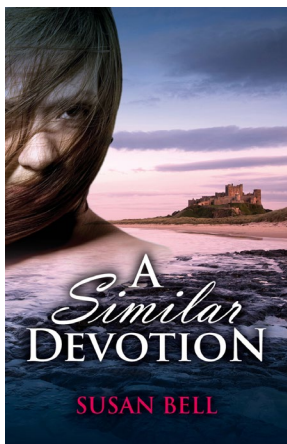
The frivolous façade conceals a sinister reality of subterfuge and corruption. Philip finds himself plunged into a world where amorous alliances and dalliances are more than matched by lusts of a different kind—for power, for survival, for bloodshed.

As Philip rises to prominence and becomes increasingly involved in the machinations of political intrigue, he learns to negotiate a tangled web of potent loves and powerful friends.

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In his desire to hurt those who have hurt him he is in danger of losing sight of the person he once was. Can he ever be that person again? Older, wiser and disillusioned with everything for which he once yearned, Philip finds himself forced to confront the realities of conflict, death and defeat. But he must also withstand the most challenging confrontation of all—coming face to face with the man he has become, and the undeniable longings of the human heart.





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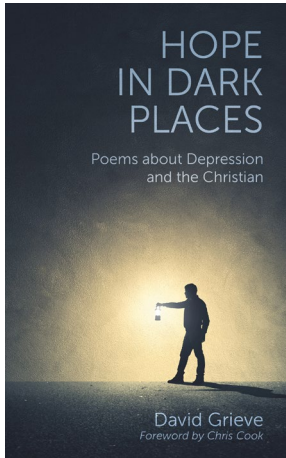
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**JOHN DAVEY** was born five years before the outbreak of WWII and his earliest memory is of being evacuated from London at the age of four to St Ives, Huntingdonshire, where he was billeted with the spinster daughter of a non-conformist minister. John was educated at a Roman Catholic boarding school, but finally found his religious home in Anglicanism. At the age of seventeen he returned to London. During his City days as a junior executive, he became a Special Constable attached to Bow Street Police Station.

*Having felt a calling since his early teens, the priesthood beckoned, and in 1966 he started training at theological college. As part of his pastoral training, John made regular visits to Ford Open Prison, and, as a curate in Eastbourne, trained as a voluntary probation officer. His final full-time ministerial post was as Chaplain and Director of Studies at the National Police Staff College, Bramshill, a training establishment for senior police officers.*

*During forty years of full-time ministry, John has served as a pastor and mentor to people from all walks of life, and was, for a time, Chaplain and Minor Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor.*

*John is now retired and lives with his wife Mary in Nottingham.*

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**DAVID GRIEVE** is an Anglican priest, married with three grown-up children, who retired in 1989 at the age of 37 due to a breakdown. He writes poetry as both therapy and vocation.

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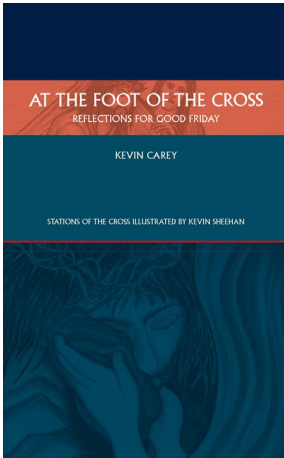
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*Impassive,  
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to watch the best and worst of humankind  
thronging the narrow street*

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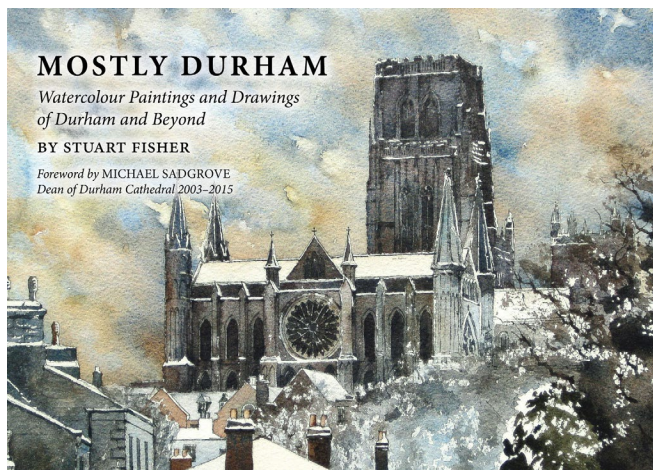
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Fisher was born in Nuneaton, Warwickshire in 1954 and grew up in Peterlee, County Durham, where he showed a prodigious artistic talent at an early age. A career in architecture spanning almost 34 years, routinely interrupting a love of painting, culminated in 2006 with his multi-award-winning design for the Science Learning Centre North East.

Stuart turned professional in 2010 and has regularly exhibited throughout the region, including several solo exhibitions in Durham Cathedral. Stuart was a shortlisted finalist in the prestigious Sunday Times Watercolour Competition in 2013 and 2016.

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