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## Christian Book Award® Finalists for 2026

(by category)

### Audio – TIE

***Beloved***, written and narrated by Francis Chan, produced by Gabe Wicks, David C Cook; book published by David C Cook, B0FP5V3H4D

***The Biggest Story Bible Storybook***, Kevin DeYoung; narrated by Michael Reeves, produced by Zach Van Dyke, Andrew Weiss, Phil Borst, Crossway; book published by Crossway, B0DVLZFD2P

***The Girl on the Bathroom Floor***, Amber Emily Smith; narrated by Amber Emily Smith and Granger Smith, produced by Sydney Mathieu, HarperAudio; book published by Thomas Nelson, B0F1W7Q268

***I Just Wish I Had a Bigger Kitchen***, written and narrated by Kate Strickler, produced by Christian Audio, book published by Bethany House/ Baker Publishing Group, B0FDH42YFY

***Tame Your Thoughts***, written and narrated by Max Lucado, produced by Sydney Mathieu, HarperAudio; book published by Thomas Nelson, B0DXXHKD3L

***This Changes Everything***, written and narrated by Tyler Merritt, produced by Hachette Audio, book published by Worthy Books, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc., B0D4WNNJ45

### Bibles

***The Action Bible Study Bible ESV***, Sergio Cariello, David C Cook, 9780830787470

***DaySpring Daily Devotional Bible for Moms NLT***, Tyndale House and DaySpring, Tyndale House Publishers, 9781496481672

***The NIV Action Study Bible***, Sergio Cariello, David C Cook, 9780830787432

***NIV Application Bible***, Zondervan, 9780310465096

***NKJV Student Study Bible***, Thomas Nelson Bibles, Thomas Nelson, 9781400340231

### Bible Reference Works

***Behind the Scenes of the New Testament***, Bruce W. Longenecker, Elizabeth E. Shively and T. J. Lang, Baker Academic/ Baker Publishing Group, 9781540964472

***Colossians (Word Biblical Commentary)***, Clinton E. Arnold, Zondervan Academic, 9780310125211

***The Incarnate Christ and His Critics***, Robert M. Bowman Jr. and J. Ed Komoszewski, Kregel Publications, 9780825445798

***Our Daily Bread Bible Atlas***, John A. Beck, Our Daily Bread Publishing, 9781640703230

***Romans: Greek-English Interlinear***, Michael F. Bird, Bethany House/ Baker Publishing Group, 9781683598145

#### **Bible Study - TIE**

***30 Days of Prayer***, Proverbs 31 Ministries, HarperChristian Resources, 9780310178668

***52 Weeks Through the Bible***, John MacArthur, HarperChristian Resources, 9780310169109

***Colossians and Philemon***, Colleen D. Searcy, Crossway, 9781433596841

***Esther***, Kelly Minter, Lifeway Christian Resources, 9781430087908

***Finding Freedom in Christ***, Portia Collins, Crossway, 9781433594830

***God of the Ordinary***, Alistair Begg, Lifeway Christian Resources, 9798384525639

#### **Biography & Memoir – TIE**

***Compelled***, Paul & Sarah Hastings with Ellie Payne, 10Publishing, 9781837280544

***Five Mere Christians***, Jordan Raynor and Kaleigh Cox, Harvest House Publishers, 9780736991704

***Here Be Dragons***, Melanie Shankle; WaterBrook, an imprint Penguin Random House Christian Publishing Group, 9780593601204

***Light in the Valley of the Shadow of Death***, edited By Roman Soloviy, Langham Publishing, 9781786411976

***Miraculous!***, Ken Ham, New Leaf Publishing Group, 9781683443810

***Rebecca Sue***, Kathleen Norris, InterVarsity Press, 9781514011409

***This Changes Everything***, Tyler Merritt; Worthy Books, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc., 9781546006961

#### **Children - TIE**

***He Always Hears***, Alyson Punzi; illustrated by Tyler Charlton, Crossway, 9781433596285

***Hello! My Name is Emmanuel***, Emmanuel Jean Russell; illustrated by Martina Stuhlberger, Tyndale House Publishers, 9781496488442

***Hope Comes to Stay***, Clarissa Moll; illustrated by Gretchen Ellen Kopp, Harvest House Publishers, 9780736989534

***Jesus, Our True Friend***, Sally Lloyd-Jones; illustrated by Jago, Zonderkidz, 9780310160885

***Where Did TJ Go?***, Annie F. Downs with Tatum Green; illustrated by Jennie Poh, Revell/ Baker Publishing Group, 9780800738785

***The Wonders of the First Christmas***, written and illustrated by Andy McGuire, Zonderkidz, 9780310170211

### **Christian Living - TIE**

***A Heart Aflame for God***, Matthew Bingham, Crossway, 9781433592621

***Fujian***, Paul Hattaway, Langham Publishing, 9781786411327

***Restored***, Meshali Mitchell, Revell/ Baker Publishing Group, 9780800746209

***Stand Firm and Act Like Men***, Joby Martin with Charles Martin, FaithWords, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc., 9781546008217

***Tame Your Thoughts***, Max Lucado, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 9781400256235

***You Have a Calling***, Karen Swallow Prior, Brazos Press/ Baker Publishing Group, 9781587436659

### **Devotion & Gift**

***Becoming New***, Warren W. Wiersbe, David C Cook, 9780830787661

***The Illuminated Gospel of John***, Jane Sullivan, Cambridge University Press, 9781009482615

***Spurgeon and the Gospels***, Charles Spurgeon, Thomas Nelson, 9781400345786

***The Way of the Wildflower***, Ruth Chou Simons, Thomas Nelson Gift, 9781400244416

***Widow's Might***, Rachel Faulkner Brown, BroadStreet Publishing Group, 9781424568079

### **Faith & Culture**

***The Anti-Greed Gospel***, Malcolm Foley, Brazos Press/ Baker Publishing Group, 9781587436307

***The Gospel Way Catechism***, Trevin Wax and Thomas West, Harvest House Publishers, 9780736991414

***Scrolling Ourselves to Death***, Brett McCracken and Ivan Mesa, Crossway, 9781433599446

***The Tech Exit***, Clare Morell; Forum Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House Christian Publishing Group, 9780593736296

***Van Gogh Has a Broken Heart***, Russ Ramsey, Zondervan Reflective, 9780310155577

### **Ministry Resources**

***The Clay Pot Conspiracy***, Dave Harvey, New Growth Press, 9781645075400

***Pastoral Confessions***, Jamin Goggin, Baker Books, Baker Publishing Group, 9781540905062

***The Sing! Hymnal***, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Crossway, 9781433590290

***What Gen Z Really Wants to Know About God***, Tanita Tualla Maddox, InterVarsity Press, 9781514012161

***When It's Trauma***, Darby A. Strickland, P&R Publishing Company, 9798887790466

### **New Author – TIE**

***He Always Hears***, Alyson Punzi; illustrated by Tyler Charlton, Crossway, 9781433596285

***Helping Your Kids Know God's Good Design***, Elizabeth Urbanowicz, Harvest House Publishers, 9780736991391

***Old Soul, New Creation***, Jake Weidman, Thomas Nelson, 9781400246847

***Room for Good Things to Run Wild***, Josh Nadeau, W Publishing, an imprint of Thomas Nelson, 9781400341047

***Sinner Saint***, Luke Kjolhaug, 1517 Publishing, 9781964419152

***You Can Trust a God with Scars***, Jared Ayers, NavPress, 9781641589963

### **Young People's Literature**

***The Bible Recap for Kids***, Tara-Leigh Cobble, Bethany House/ Baker Publishing Group, 9780764240355

***Hey Girl***, Anne Wilson, K-LOVE Books, 9781637634868

***The Story of Corrie ten Boom***, Jennifer T. Kelley, Crossway, 9781433583490

***The Sword***, Marty Machowski, New Growth Press, 9781645075448

***What Makes You Beautiful***, Kristen Wetherell, Crossway, 9781433592485

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