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### **Some Thoughts on Faith** Conari Press

The eldest son of Jordan's King Hussein, the author had not expected to ascend to the throne; his father's brother had long been crown prince. But he was chosen by the king on his deathbed. Both a memoir and a frank discussion of how to solve problems in the Middle East.

### **Sex and the City of God** Simon and Schuster

Anne Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is "Whatever,"

and whose evening prayer is "Oh, well." Anne thinks of Jesus as "Casper the friendly savior" and describes God as "one crafty mother." Despite--or because of--her irreverence, faith is a natural subject for Anne Lamott. Since *Operating Instructions* and *Bird by Bird*, her fans have been waiting for her to write the book that explained how she came to the big-hearted, grateful, generous faith that she so often alluded to in her two earlier nonfiction books. The people in Anne Lamott's real life are like beloved characters in a favorite series for her readers--her friend Pammy, her son, Sam, and the many funny and wise folks who attend her church are all familiar. And *Traveling Mercies* is a welcome return to those lives, as well as an introduction to new companions Lamott treats with the same candor, insight, and tenderness. Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part

of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, "My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers." At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, Traveling Mercies tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope.

A Memoir of Love and Longing Macmillan

Rajiv Surendra was filming Mean Girls, playing the beloved rapping mathlete Kevin Gnapoor, when a cameraman insisted he read Yann Martel's Life of Pi. So begins his "lovely and human" (Jenny Lawson, author of Furiously Happy) tale of obsessively pursuing a dream, overcoming failure, and finding meaning in life. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime chance. I found myself standing dangerously close to the edge of a cliff. Far below me was an incredible abyss with no end in sight. I could turn back and safely return to where I had come from, or I could throw caution to the wind, lift my arms up into the air . . . and jump."

—From The Elephants in My Backyard What happens when you spend ten years obsessively pursuing a dream, and then, in the blink of an eye, you learn that you have failed, that the dream will not come true? In 2003, Rajiv Surendra was filming Mean Girls, playing the beloved rapping mathlete Kevin Gnapoor, when a cameraman insisted he read Yann Martel's Life of Pi.

Mesmerized by all the similarities between Pi and himself—both are five-foot-five with coffee-colored complexions, both share a South Indian culture, both lived by a zoo—when Rajiv learns that Life of Pi will be made into a major motion picture he is convinced

that playing the title role is his destiny. In a great leap of faith Rajiv embarks on a quest to embody the sixteen-year-old Tamil schoolboy. He quits university and buys a one-way ticket from Toronto to South India. He visits the sacred stone temples of Pondicherry, he travels to the frigid waters off the coast of rural Maine, and explores the cobbled streets of Munich. He befriends Yann Martel, a priest, a castaway, an eccentric old woman, and a pack of Tamil schoolboys. He learns how to swim, to spin wool, to keep bees, and to look a tiger in the eye. All the while he is really learning how to dream big, to fail, to survive, to love, and to become who he truly is. Rajiv Surendra captures the uncertainty, heartache, and joy of finding ones place in the world with sly humor and refreshing honesty. The Elephants in My Backyard is not a journey of goals and victories, but a story of process and determination. It is a spellbinding and profound book for anyone who has ever failed at something and had to find a new path through life.

*The Iran Hostage Crisis: The First Battle in America's War with Militant Islam* Virago

"Where you staying?" the Bedouin asked. "Why you not stay with me tonight - in my cave?" Thus begins Marguerite van Geldermalsen's story of how a New Zealand-born nurse came to be married to Mohammad Abdallah Othman, a Bedouin souvenir-seller from the ancient city of Petra in Jordan. It was 1978 and she and a friend were travelling through the Middle East when Marguerite met the charismatic Mohammad who convinced her that he was the man for her. A life with Mohammad meant moving into his ancient cave and learning to love the regular tasks of baking shrak bread on an open fire and collecting water

from the spring. And as Marguerite feels herself becoming part of the Bedouin community, she is thankful for the twist in fate that has led her to this contented life. Marguerite's light-hearted and guileless observations of the people she comes to love are as heart-warming as they are valuable, charting Bedouin traditions now lost to the modern world.

**Leap of Faith** Vintage

With *Leap*, Terry Tempest Williams, award-winning author of *Refuge*, offers a sustained meditation on passion, faith, and creativity-based upon her transcendental encounter with Hieronymus Bosch's medieval masterpiece *The Garden of Delights*. Williams examines this vibrant landscape with unprecedented acuity, recognizing parallels between the artist's prophetic vision and her own personal experiences as a Mormon and a naturalist. Searing in its spiritual, intellectual, and emotional courage, Williams's divine journey enables her to realize the full extent of her faith and through her exquisite imagination opens our eyes to the splendor of the world.

**A Memoir** W. W. Norton & Company

"No other book has made me want to re-read Ovid and retiling my bathroom floor, nor given me the conviction that I can do both. I loved it." —Rosie Schaap, author of *Drinking with Men* A warm and inspiring book for anyone who has ever dreamed of changing tracks, *Hammer Head* is the story of a young woman who quit her desk job to become a carpenter. Writing with infectious curiosity, Nina MacLaughlin—a Classics major who couldn't tell a Phillips from a flathead screwdriver—describes the joys and frustrations of making things by hand. Filled with the wisdom of writers from Ovid to Mary Oliver and MacLaughlin's own memorable accounts

of working with wood, unfamiliar tools, and her unforgettable mentor, *Hammer Head* is a passionate book full of sweat, bashed thumbs, and a deep sense of finding real meaning in work and life.

**My Journey Pursuing Destiny's Call** Dell Publishing Company

A #1 New York Times Bestseller This is the story of a young American woman who became wife and partner to an Arab monarch. It provides a compelling portrait of the late King Hussein and his lifelong effort to bring peace to his war-torn region, and an insider's view of the growing gulf between the United States and the Arab nations. It is also the refreshingly candid story of a mother coming to terms with the demands the king's role as a world statesman placed on her family's private life. But most of all it is a love story -- the intimate account of a woman who lost her heart to a king, and to his people.

*Hubris, Negligence, and America's Greatest Foreign Policy Tragedy* Zondervan

Charles Darwin published *The Origin of Species*, his revolutionary tract on evolution and the fundamental ideas involved, in 1859. Nearly 150 years later, the theory of evolution continues to create tension between the scientific and religious communities. Challenges about teaching the theory of evolution in schools occur annually all over the country. This same debate raged within Darwin himself, and played an important part in his marriage: his wife, Emma, was quite religious, and her faith gave Charles a lot to think about as he worked on a theory that continues to spark intense debates. Deborah Heiligman's new biography of Charles Darwin is a thought-provoking account of the man behind evolutionary theory: how his personal life

affected his work and vice versa. The end result is an engaging exploration of history, science, and religion for young readers. Charles and Emma is a 2009 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

*Leap of Faith* InterVarsity Press

English professor and mother Carolyn Weber tells how her desire to control the events of her life came into contact with God's desire to give her each day as a gift from himself. Join her on a winding path through literature, history and daily life—leading finally to the still, quiet place of the present moment.

**Jeeves and the Leap of Faith** Random House

After studying at Oxford University and finding God, Carolyn Weber grappled with a new invitation: to think bigger about love. Through Weber's personal story of courtship, marriage, and parenthood, as well as spiritual, theological, and literary reflection, this memoir explores what life looks like when we choose to love God first.

*Living in the Gift of the Present* Leap of FaithMemoirs of an Unexpected Life

Born in 1951 to a distinguished Arab-American family, Lisa Najeeb Halaby became the fourth wife of King Hussein at age 27. With her husband being not only Jordan's monarch but the spiritual leader of all Muslims, Lisa was unsure what her role would be. This moving memoir provides a timely look at one woman's story against a backdrop of 30 turbulent years: the displacement of over 1 million Palestinians by the creation of Israel, King Hussein's frustrated efforts for peace, and the effect of Saddam Hussein and the Gulf War on Jordan and the royal family. Queen Noor offers intimate new glimpses of King Hussein,

Saddam Hussein, Queen Elizabeth, Arafat, and many other world leaders.

*The Leap* Simon and Schuster

Written in 1951, in his own hand, "A King's Story" is the tale of a man raised to be King who abandoned the throne for love. He recalls his strict upbringing, his education and training for public duty, his love for Wallis Simpson and the appalling dilemma that confronted him in the months leading up to his abdication.

*The Journey of a Dream* FriesenPress

The Olympic gold medalist shares the story of her life and how her faith allowed her to persevere and reach her dreams.

*Memoirs of a Spiritual Outsider* Harper Collins

A sumptuous collection of mouth-watering recipes, heart-warming anecdotes and vibrant photography that bring the warmth of Italy to your kitchen table. Blending the character of Frankie Dettori's family's traditional Italian home cooking and the sophistication of Marco Pierre White's world-famous kitchens, this is a feast for all the senses.

**The Science of Trust and Why It Matters** Anchor

Growing up desolate under the eye of a resentful great aunt on an Iowa farm, Marie-Ange Hawkins dreams of returning to the French chateau where she lived before she had been orphaned, but when she finally does so, she learns a devastating truth. Reprint.

**An Immigrant's Odyssey of Struggle, Success, and Service to His Country** Little, Brown

Faith and Frontiers is a story about how trusting in God leads a man and his wife into unchartered territories and allows them to soar to new heights. In his inspirational memoirs, Eli Miller shares

how even as a young Amish boy in Ohio he knew his path lay outside the community. Leaving his home at the tender age of seventeen, and with very little real-life experience, Eli soon finds his life is off track – so much so that even meeting and marrying the love of his life is not enough to settle him down. But then in a moment of despair, an encounter with the Holy Spirit turns his life around and sets him on a path to share the Word of God with others. As Eli continues his spiritual journey and becomes an ordained minister, he and his wife take a leap of faith and become founding members of a Christian community that embraces a frontier lifestyle in the wilderness of Northern British Columbia. After a multitude of adventures, and several years and children later, Eli then leans into his next calling and moves back to “civilization” where he becomes influential in the development and growth of several congregations and begins to lecture and minister across five continents. Told with humour and sincerity, Eli recounts the trials and tribulations of a lifetime of living on faith and shares the message of hope that he has spent his whole life proclaiming.

**Leap of Faith** Wheeler Pub Incorporated

The first major account of the life of an extraordinary soldier and statesman, King Hussein of Jordan. Throughout his long reign (1953–1999), Hussein remained a dominant figure in Middle Eastern politics and a consistent proponent of peace with Israel. For over forty years he walked a tightrope between Palestinians and Arab radicals on the one hand and Israel on the other. Avi Shlaim reveals that Hussein initiated a secret dialogue with Israel in 1963 and spent hundreds of hours in talks with countless Israeli officials. Shlaim expertly reconstructs this dialogue from

previously untapped records and first-hand accounts, significantly rewriting the history of the Middle East over the past fifty years and shedding light on the far-reaching impact of Hussein’s leadership.

*Guests of the Ayatollah* Miramax Books

Born into a distinguished Arab-American family and raised amid privilege, Lisa Halaby was in the first co-educational freshman class at Princeton, graduating in 1974 with a degree in architecture and urban planning. Then, in 1976, she was introduced, on an airport runway, to King Hussein of Jordan, a direct descendent of the prophet Muhammed. In less than two years, she was his wife, Noor al-Hussein, Queen of Jordan. With eloquence and candour, Noor talks frankly of the many challenges of her life as wife and partner to the monarch, providing both an intimate portrait of the late King Hussein and his quest for peace in the Middle East, and a moving account of the demands his public role as a world statesman placed on the royal couple's private life. Sharing a personal perspective on the past three decades of world history, *Leap of Faith* highlights Queen Noor's views on Islam and the West; the challenges of rearing her family; her work as Queen and humanitarian activist; and her struggles to protect her husband as he slipped into the illness that would kill him in 1999. Her story is filled with recollections of the world's most powerful and interesting people: Queen Elisabeth, Jimmy Carter, Pierre Trudeau, Yassar Arafat and Anwar Sadat. In the wake of September 11, Noor reflects on the true message of Islam and the ongoing violence in the Middle East from her unique perspective with a deep and abiding understanding of Arab aspirations and history. *Leap of Faith* is

refreshingly candid and clear-eyed, a true love story set against the turbulent politics of the last thirty years.

How a Remarkable Leap of Faith Launched a Daring Journey in Self-Discovery Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

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**My Leap of Faith** Greenleaf Book Group

Leaps of Faith is the delightful memoir of a man humbled by the possibilities of his new land and by the opportunities he discovered-in business, in love, in family, and, ultimately, in government service. Ambassador Siddique reflects on his past, and looks to the future-his future and the future of America.

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