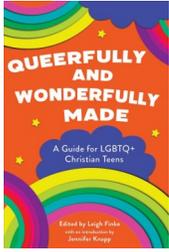


# Religious Reads



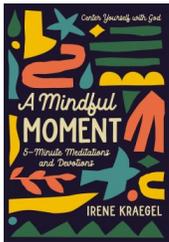
## Queerfully and Wonderfully Made

by Leigh Finke  
Queerfully and Wonderfully Made looks to educate young queer people of faith and to help them stay safe, healthy, and secure. **Shelved with Middle School Nonfiction.**



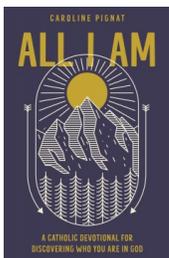
## Carved in Ebony

by Jasmine L. Holmes  
Rewritten for the young reader, Jasmine Holmes shares the significant role that Black women have played in the formation of our faith. **Shelved with Middle School Nonfiction.**



## A Mindful Moment: 5-Minute Meditations and Devotions

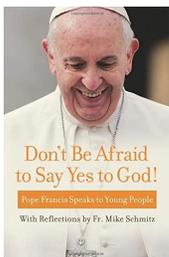
by Irene Kraegel  
Focuses on four key categories-physical sensations, negative emotions, compassion to self, and lovingkindness to others. **Shelved with Middle School Nonfiction.**



## All I Am: a Catholic Devotional for Discovering who You are in God

by Caroline Pignat  
The teen years can be a confusing time of figuring out where you belong, who you are, what you can do, and who you can become, all while searching for a sense of safety as you engage with the world. **Shelved with Middle School**

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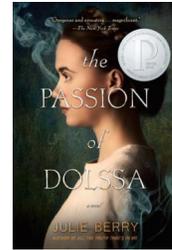
## Don't Be Afraid to Say Yes to God!

by Pope Francis  
Set out for the future without fear! That's the message of Pope Francis to young people as he challenges them to follow Christ and his plan for their lives. **Shelved with Middle School Nonfiction.**



## Does My Head Look Big in This?

by Randa Abdel-Fattah  
Year eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith. 770 Lexile.



## The Passion of Dolssa

by Julie Berry  
Rescuing a mystic healer who is being violently pursued by a monk in thirteenth-century Provensa, scrappy matchmaker Botille is challenged to protect the village against the monks' crusade to burn heretics. 650 Lexile.



## Chasing after Knight

by Heather Buchta  
Convinced to make amends with her former best friend-turned-heartthrob A-list actor, high school senior Alexa Brooks soon discovers that nothing is as it seems in Hollywood as she tries to reconnect with this boy who is nothing like who he used to be. 700 Lexile.



## Real, Not Perfect (Riverbend Friends)

by Stephanie Coleman  
Tessa has lived a trouble-free life as the only child of two loving parents. That is, until she comes home from swim practice one day to find that her parents are divorcing. **Shelved under Middle School Riverbend; a series.**



## All-American Muslim Girl

by Nadine Jolie Courtney  
Sixteen-year-old Allie, aged seven when she knew her family was different and feared, struggles to claim her Muslim and Arabic heritage while finding her place as an American teenager. 630 Lexile.



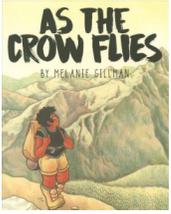
## Castle of Refuge

by Melanie Dickerson  
In medieval England, nineteen-year-old Audrey, the daughter of English nobility and facially scarred by her abusive, mentally ill sister, seeks God's protection when she runs away from an arranged marriage proposal. No Lexile.

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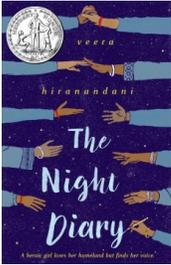
### As the Crow Flies

by Melanie Gillman  
When thirteen year-old African American Charlie questions her belief in God, she spends a week at an all-white Christian youth camp for some soul searching. No Lexile. **Shelved with Middle School Graphic Novels.**



### Black Bird, Blue Road

by Sofiya Pasternack  
To save her sick twin brother from the Angel of Death by taking him to find doctors who can cure him, Ziva accidentally frees a half-demon boy instead, who leads them to a fabled city where no one dies. No Lexile.



### The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranandani  
Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in her diary. 700 Lexile.



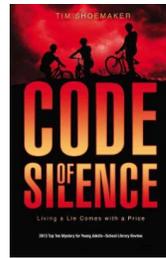
### Ellen Outside the Lines

by A. J. Sass  
When a school trip to Barcelona to reconnect with her best friend doesn't go as planned, Ellen, a neurodivergent 13-year-old, must expand her horizons as she makes new friends and learns to let go of old ones. No Lexile.



### Piece by Piece: the Story of Nisrin's Hijab

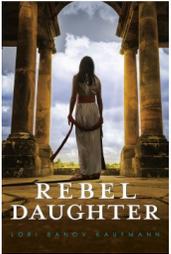
by Priya Huq  
After Nisrin is the victim of a hate crime while wearing a headscarf, her family is dismayed when she announces she will be wearing her hijab. No Lexile. **Shelved with Middle School**



### Code of Silence

by Tim Shoemaker  
When thirteen-year-olds Cooper, Hiro, and Gordy witness a robbery that leaves a man in a coma, they find themselves tangled in a web of mystery and deceit that threatens their lives. No Lexile.

## Graphic Novels.



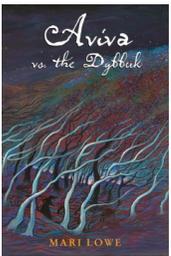
### Rebel Daughter

by Lori Banov Kaufmann  
In the years preceding the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE, young Esther's greatest worry is that she will be forced to marry against her will but soon, she faces famine, siege, and slavery. 710 Lexile.



### Barakah Beats

by Maleeha Siddiqui  
Leaving Islamic school to attend "real school," 12-year-old Nimra Sharif, joins the school's popular 8th grade boy band, Baraka Beats, in an attempt to fit in, even though she was taught that music isn't allowed in Islam, forcing her to make a difficult decision. Lexile: 650.



### Aviva vs. the Dybbuk

by Mari Lowe  
As tensions escalate in the Jewish community of Beacon with incidents of vandalism and a swastika carved into new concrete poured near the synagogue, so does the tension grow between Aviva and Kayla and the girls at their school, and so do the actions of

the dybbuk grow worse. Could real harm be coming Aviva's way? And is it somehow related to the 'accident' that took her father years ago?



### Hunt for Eden's Star

by D. J. Williams  
A coming-of-age teen is thrown into a world of ancient secrets when he discovers a supernatural compass that protects a weapon of mass destruction. No Lexile.



### The Two Wrong Halves of Ruby Taylor

by Amanda Panitch  
When her perfect cousin Sarah starts acting out, Ruby is afraid that Sarah might be possessed by a dybbuk, an evil spirit Ruby accidentally released, and must come to terms with her own identity to expel the spirit. 720 Lexile.



### Healer of the Water Monster

by Brian Young  
When Nathan goes to visit his grandma, Nali, at her mobile summer home on the Navajo reservation, he knows he's in for a pretty uneventful summer. One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds something extraordinary. A Holy Being from the

Navajo Creation Story—a Water Monster—in need of help. No Lexile.