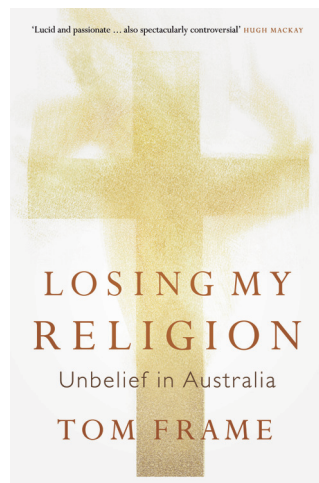




AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AWARDS

2010 Australian Christian Book of the Year

Winner



Losing my religion:

Unbelief in Australia

Tom Frame

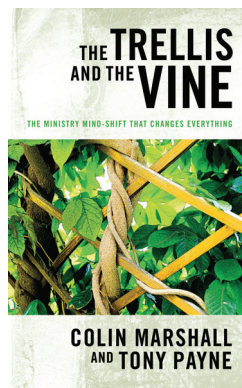
UNSW Press

ISBN 9781921410192

This wide-ranging study maps the contours of belief and unbelief in Australia, making a valuable contribution to our national self-understanding and to Christian apologetics and mission. Tom Frame traces the evolution of religion

and irreligion in Australia from European settlement to the current day, marshalling statistical and documentary evidence to describe the changes in religious belief, belonging and behaviour. He interacts intelligently and critically with contemporary proponents of unbelief, including Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and Phillip Adams. Frame's survey exhibits an admirable breadth of scholarship and is sophisticated, nuanced and fair-minded in its treatment of the issues. Above all, Frame writes with unflinching precision and honesty, listening patiently and carefully to the voices of Australian unbelief, before concluding the book with a moving personal apologia for his own Christian faith. *Losing my religion* is a masterful contribution to the current debate, written in a manner that will facilitate conversation between Australian Christians and a society increasingly disengaged from Christian ideas and institutions.

2nd Prize



The trellis and the vine: The ministry mind-shift that changes everything

Colin Marshall

& Tony Payne

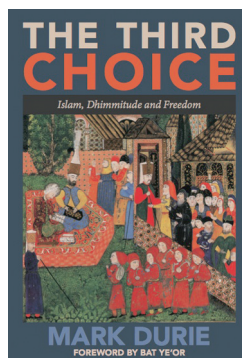
Matthias Media

ISBN 9781921441585

This accessible, practical and well-crafted book challenges the church to train and equip every

Christian to be a disciple-maker. Its clear argument and memorable metaphor have generated both an international chorus of ringing endorsements and a vigorous on-line debate. A wealth of wisdom for pastors and leaders, regardless of whether they are persuaded by the total package.

Short-listed



The third choice: Islam, dhimmitude and freedom

Mark Durie

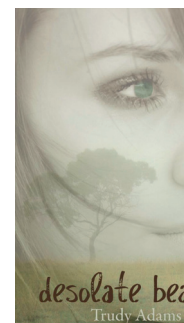
Deror Books

ISBN 9780980722307

An understanding of how Islam views non-Muslims is critical to our successful participation in domestic and global

affairs and for Christian mission in Australia and the world. This timely contribution is expansive and carefully researched. The reader is made familiar with the Islamic canon, including both the Quran and interpretive texts. With authority, sensitivity and courage, Durie challenges the conventional wisdom about Islam.

3rd Prize



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Short-listed



responses. Durie's expertise in the theology to the on how Jesus fulfilled the covenant with Israel particularly helpful epistle's more of commentary for



Desolate beauty

Trudy Adams

Ark House

ISBN 9781921589027

This is the story of a young girl who simultaneously discovers herself and God in the midst of adversity. Indeed, she is

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natic yet the writing is subtle,
timate. The characters of the
d her unconventional companion
with confidence and emotional
r transforming friendship is
rally and convincingly. A gritty
t novel.



Hebrews:

A new covenant commentary

William Dumbrell

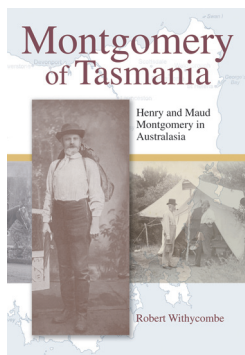
Redeemer Baptist Press

ISBN 9781876730079

Biblical covenant is a relationship founded on divine promises and requiring certain human

mbrell brings his considerable
e Old Testament and covenant
Epistle to the Hebrews, focusing
reover transformed God's
his people. This approach is
pful when dealing with the
difficult passages. A compact
r the knowledgeable reader.

Short-listed



Montgomery of Tasmania: Henry and Maud Montgomery in Australasia

Robert Withycombe

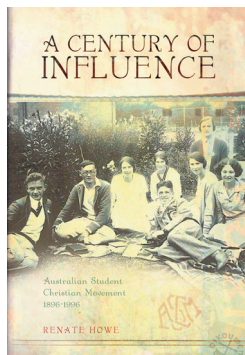
Acorn Press

ISBN 9780908284788

This carefully-researched and well presented history is a timeless

testimony to holistic Christian mission. The Montgomery duo shared a passion for people and the land and devoted themselves to serving both European and indigenous Tasmanians. The sacrifice, discipline and courage with which they took the good news of Jesus Christ to forgotten and vulnerable people is as breathtaking as it is instructive.

Short-listed



A century of influence: The Australian Student Christian Movement

1896-1996

Renate Howe

UNSW Press

ISBN 9781921410956

This well-researched history makes good use of oral and archival sources to trace the

changing beliefs and attitudes of a movement that began the 20th century as the most visible Christian presence on Australian university campuses. A sober study that provides valuable insights into grassroots ecumenism and political engagement in an important strand of Australian Christianity.

Judging criteria

The Australian Christian Book of the Year Award is given annually to an original book written by an Australian citizen normally resident in Australia and published by an Australian publisher. The award recognises and celebrates excellence in Australian Christian writing.

The Award carries a prize of **\$2,500** for the author, and a framed certificate for the author and publisher. A short list is announced in July and the awards are presented during August. Supplementary awards may be made.

Entries are judged with an eye to the:

Original nature of the work.

Literary style, including suitability for the target audience.

Competence and expertise displayed by the author in writing the book and examining the underlying thesis.

Design, layout, cover, text and illustrations.

Contribution that the book makes in meeting a need for Christian writing for the Australian situation and in the Australian market.

Judges

Alex Crawford holds degrees in arts, law and theology. He is a practising barrister in Brisbane. Outside the law, he is interested in books, music and seeing the Brisbane Lions win. Alex is married to Penny. They have three children and attend St Mark's Anglican Church, Clayfield. He is the secretary of the Mathew Hale Public Library based in Brisbane.

Nancy Kroeger combines her passion for literature with her love of numbers and people by working at Ridley Melbourne Mission and Ministry College. She is celebrating her eleventh year working in the College Bookshop as bookkeeper. Her most recent read was the challenging *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel. Nancy is married to a Presbyterian minister and church planter. They have three adult children, two sons-in-law and one granddaughter.

David Starling teaches New Testament and Theology at Morling College in Sydney and is a member of Macquarie Baptist Church. He studied English and History at Sydney University and worked as a high school English teacher in Western Sydney before theological study at Moore and Morling Colleges and pastoral ministry in Sydney's inner west. He is married to Nicole and has three young children.

Coordinator

Michael Collie SPCKA National Director



2010 Young Australian Christian Writer Award

Winner

Jack Burnham

Held In his hands

Jack takes us to places most of us will never see. The gruelling pre-dawn training routine of a competitive teenage swimmer chasing the black line. A brightly-lit neonatal intensive-care unit as a premature baby fights to survive against the odds. The writing is direct, intimate and muscular. The author connects the battles of life and faith by addressing ordinary and extraordinary challenges; confident that he is always held in God's hands. Good gritty writing.

4.20 am. The alarm clock jolts me awake. I roll over, reach out one hand to silence its relentless buzzing and continue the roll until I am standing beside the bed. Groping around with eyes still half shut, I locate my swim suit by touch and wriggle into it, followed by t-shirt and shorts. Knuckling the last vestiges of sleep out of my eyes, I stumble through the dark house towards the dim light shining in the kitchen to find my mother up and already hard at work. She characterises the term long-suffering: actually, I'm fairly sure that if you googled that term, a photo of my mother, hair floating like a mad, curly cloud around her face, hint of fatigue always present at the back of her eyes, would accompany the definition. She greets me with a smile and hug and turns back to the task at hand; mixing bottles of sport drink and packing a minor mountain of food for the coming day. ...

Swimming isn't easy; as a matter of fact, it's wearying, unrelenting toil. You have to want it—and you have to want it bad. Day after day you have to work on all the little things. Improvements, when they come, come in tiny increments. You have to learn to be stoic and to battle on towards the prize. Maintaining and growing in faith is exactly the same; it doesn't come easy. You have to work at it and sometimes it feels as if your Christian walk is all uphill and into a gale force wind. Just like in swimming, perseverance is the key. ...





2010 Australian Christian Teen Writer Award

Winner

Sarah Longden

Choices

The events following a devastating accident and its terrifying consequences for the writer's family are clearly described together with her own journey in faith and forgiveness. The writing is moving and exceptional for the author's age. Facing life at its most unreasonable, the reader is challenged to respond with faith.

I was not always frightened of my grandfather. In fact, some of my fondest memories include him; learning how to ride my two-wheeler, band aids on bleeding knees, folding paper airplanes, whiskered cheeks, Sunday morning walks to church. All the grandkids called him 'Papa'. He may have been the most caring person I ever knew. That's a pretty big thing to say. Nan was also an amazing person. They had been married for 46 years, but she had died suddenly and unfairly three years earlier, which is why my family and I were in the hospital now, travel weary, clutching each other's hands, weeping openly, praying desperately, as we waited for the inevitable. Papa had almost died in the accident that claimed Nan's life. But he lived. And his living scared me.

Papa's breathing was much more laboured now than when we had been with him in the hospital the previous weekend. We thought he might have died then, but to our surprise, he pulled through that crisis time. We had returned to Melbourne because Dad had to go to work and my sister and I had already missed too much school. We didn't mind missing school, but in our family, what Mum says goes. And she said 'school'.

The loud, stop-start, stop-start, stop-start breathing sounds he made was a type of breathing called Cheyenne-stoking, so the kind registered nurse told us. As I understand it, it's what happens to people when they are near death and yet clinging to life. The noisy breathing seemed amplified in the sparse hospital side-room, especially now at 2.00 am. ...

Certificates of Commendation

Carol Azzam

But the greatest of these

Caroline Dehn

In God's good time

Emily Hong

Wish upon a star

Anne Johnston

The Unknown

Zoe Krisnadi

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Blind sight

Skye Parry-Jones

Fiz the Flying Fox

Nicole Jasmine Rach

Nix story

Daniel Terrington

The battle for lhals

Christy Tobeck

Starstruck

Books submitted

Aboriginal Studies Press

Back on the block:
Bill Simon's story
Bill Simon, Des
Montgomerie & Jo
Tuscano

Acorn Press

Another way to love
Tim Costello & Rod Yule
(Editors)

*Facing the future: Bishops
imagine a different church*
Stephen Hale & Andrew
Curnow (Editors)

God's love in action:
Pastoral care for everyone
Jill McGilvray

*I, you and us: Creating a
loving, lasting marriage*
Shirley Goldsworthy

Montgomery of Tasmania:
Henry and Maud
Montgomery
in Australasia
Robert Withycombe

Allen & Unwin

In the company of Rilke:
Why a 20th century
visionary poet speaks so
eloquently to 21st century
readers yearning for
inwardness, beauty and
spiritual connection
Stephanie Dowrick

Look see, look at me!
Leonie Norrington &
Dee Huxley

Maralinga: The Anangu
story
Yalata and Oak Valley
Communities with
Christobel Mattingley

Riding the black cockatoo:
A true story
John Danalis

Ark House

Desolate beauty
Trudy Adams

Australian Academic Press

*Us and them: Muslim–
Christian relations*
and cultural harmony
in Australia
Abe W. Ata

Barton Books

The gospels in play dough:
A hands-on approach to
teaching children about
Jesus
Liz Anstey

The things that make for
peace
Heather Thomson

Clouds of Magellan

Beyond crucifixion:
Lenten meditations on
surviving sexual abuse
Beth R Crisp

Collective Wisdom Publications

Surviving high school:
The essential Australian
handbook for every
student!
Sharon Witt

Deror Books

The third choice:
Islam, dhimmitude and
freedom
Mark Durie

Evangelism Ministries

A taste for life:
Food for body and soul
Lesley Ramsay

Even Before Publishing

A design of gold
Paula Vince
Climbing mountains:
One young woman's
journey through breast
cancer
Stacey Charbach

Faith Duffy

Fast food for the spirit
Faith Duffy

Good News Down Under

The sky king
Richard Ansoul

HSM Publishing

Alexander the aviator's
Aussie adventures:
Outback
Angela Williams
For all time: A novel
Meredith Resce

Lenny the lying lemur:
Teaching children to tell
the truth
Jen Anderson

Inspire Publishing

No crying she makes
Debra Walter

Leonard Publishing

Goodbye old God:
New refreshment for tired
and thirsty spirits
Geoffrey Holt

Margaret Wilcox

Mystical moments:
A collection of short
stories and philosophical
meditations
Margaret R. Wilcox

Matthias Media

Naked God:
The truth about God
exposed
Martin Ayers
Right side up:
Life as God meant it to be
Paul Grimmond

The trellis and the vine:
The ministry mind-shift
that changes everything
Colin Marshall &
Tony Payne

National Church Life Survey Research

Lead with your strengths:
Making a difference
wherever you are
Peter Kaldor & John
McLean

Pacific Books

Reaching through the bars
Diane Higgins

Phares

The listening land
Anne Hamilton

Redeemer Baptist Press

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Robyn Hipkiss

Australian women of
courage:
Stories of faith and hope
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Signs Publishing

Finding David
Brad Watson

Storm Harvest

A balancing act:
Living life abundantly
Dr Robert I Holmes

Strand Publishing

Aussie stories
Various
Open House: Volume 2
Sheridan Voysey
The forgotten ways
handbook:
A practical guide for
developing missional
churches
Alan Hirsch with Darryn
Altclass

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