

# **Book Reviews: The Wounded Minister**

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*Book reviews of The Wounded Minister—Healing From and Preventing Personal Attacks by Guy Greenfield and A Distinctively Baptist Church: Renewing Your Church in Practice by Ronnie Prevost.*

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# **Book Reviews: Joining Forces: Balancing Masculine and Feminine**

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*Book reviews of Joining Forces: Balancing Masculine and Feminine by Jeanie Miley, Reluctant Smuggler by Jill Elizabeth Nelson and Home with God: In a Life that Never Ends by Neale Donald Walsch.*

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## **Some spiritual alternatives to**

# trashy beach reading

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Kristen Campbell suggests seven books you could take along for vacation reading this summer.

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## Book Reviews: Sacred Rhythms

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Barton does more than remind people not to neglect the spiritual disciplines; she guides them toward spiritual reflection and instructs through “practice” sections at the end of each chapter.

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## Books: Organizing for Life

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Books reviewed in this issue are *Organizing for Life* by Sandra Felton, *Social Work with Volunteers* by Michael E. Sherr and *Now and Not Yet: Making Sense of Single Life in the Twenty-First Century* by Jennifer A. Marshall.

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# Book Reviews: Questions To All Your Answers

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Reviews of *Questions To All Your Answers: The Journey From Folk Religion to Examined Faith* by Roger Olson,  
*Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous: Ten Alarming Words of Faith* by Joy Jordan-Lake and  
*Connecting Women: A Relational Guide for Leaders in Womens Ministry* by Linda Lesniewski.

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## Scholars cast critical eye on Graham's legacy

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—Ecumenist, prophet, peacemaker. Friend of presidents and queens. Evangelical powerbroker who was sometimes too closely tied to politicians. Each description applies to Billy Graham.

An official 1991 biography by William Martin called America's foremost evangelist a Prophet With Honor. The editors of a new book largely agree, but not without casting a more critical eye on Graham's remarkable career.

There are many reasons to appreciate Graham, say the authors of *The Legacy of Billy Graham* without granting him iconic status.

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# **Books: The Problem with Evangelical Theology**

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The Problem with Evangelical Theology by Ben Witherington III (Baylor University Press)

Ben Witherington, professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, contends that evangelicals are, in general, biblically illiterate and tend to embrace theology that would be unknown to the early church fathers prior to St. Augustine. Instead, they often cling to their respective denominational doctrines without thoroughly examining the scriptural texts, often unwilling to do the hard work of learning the original languages and deeply studying the contexts of the writings.