

Christian Fiction

Introduction

Christian fiction covers a broad spectrum of genres from romantic to suspenseful. Most often the plot includes characters turning to their faith during a life crisis, the choices they must make based on their beliefs, or simply an exploration of good versus evil. What generally comes to mind when one thinks of Christian fiction is a gentle romance novel that is void of profanity, sex, and violence. But this is only one example; this classification goes so much further. Christian fiction includes fictionalized accounts of the Biblical narratives, apocalyptic literature, and suspense/thriller novels. Past, present, and future are represented. This page offers an introduction to authors and titles in each of these popular genres.

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Biblical

Lynn Austin ([search SWAN by author](#))

The Chronicles of the Kings series, including the following titles:

Gods & Kings, Song of Redemption, The Strength of His Hand, Faith of My Fathers, and Among the Gods



This series is a fictionalized account of the life and rule of Israel's King Hezekiah followed by his son Manasseh. Based on the Biblical narrative, Ms. Austin gives the characters depth and personality. Readers can feel Hezekiah's struggle of faith. For further information about Lynn Austin and her works, visit <http://www.lynnaustin.org>

Romantic / Historical

Beverly Lewis ([search SWAN by author](#))

Annie's People trilogy:

The Preacher's Daughter, The Englisher, and The Brethren



This is the story of Annie, a young Amish woman. This trilogy includes romance, a little bit of murder mystery, and the struggles of a young woman choosing between the faith of her community and her heart's desires. For more information about Beverly Lewis and her work, visit <http://www.beverlylewis.com>

Janette Oke ([search SWAN by author](#))

Song of Acadia series:

The Meeting Place, The Sacred Shore, Birthright, The Distant Beacon, and The Beloved Land



Acadia, a French territory, is the initial setting for this continuing saga. From there, the reader is taken to Louisiana, England, and back to the American colonies. Ms. Oke (pronounced like "oak") along with T. Davis Bunn, have crafted the tale of friendship between two women on opposite sides of the French and English conflict and decisions that affect their daughter's lives. For more information about Janette Oke and her work, visit <http://www.janetteoke.com>

Contemporary

Jan Karon ([search SWAN by author](#))

The Mitford series:

At Home in Mitford, A Light in the Window, These High Green Hills, Out to Canaan, A New Song, A Common Life: The Wedding Story, In This Mountain, Shepherds Abiding, and Light From Heaven



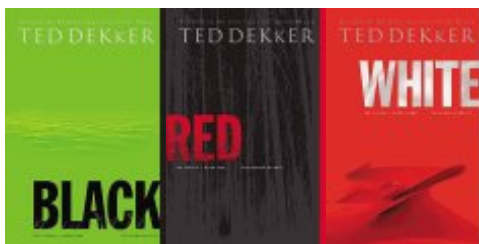
Meet Father Tim as he settles into the town of Mitford. He has his hands full in shepherding his Episcopal flock, not to mention the changes that take place in his personal life with marriage and, eventually, retirement. For more information about Jan Karon and her work, visit <http://www.mitfordbooks.com>

Suspense / Thriller

Ted Dekker ([search SWAN by author](#))

The Circle Trilogy:

Black: The Birth of Evil, Red: The Heroic Rescue, and White: The Great Pursuit



Thomas Hunter is living in parallel worlds, both being ravaged by evil forces. It is up to him to do all he can to save both of them, while not being certain which is his real existence. A deadly airborne virus is being released. Knowledge of how to prevent world-

wide destruction has been imparted to Thomas from beings existing in the ancient/future world of his "dreams." For more information about Ted Dekker and his work, visit <http://www.teddekker.com>

Apocalyptic

Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins ([search SWAN by author](#))

The Left Behind series:

Left Behind: A Novel of the Earth's Last Days, Tribulation Force: The Continuing Drama of Those Left Behind, Nicolae: The Rise of Antichrist, Soul Harvest: The World Takes Sides, Apollyon: The Destroyer Is Unleashed, Assassins: Assignment: Jerusalem: Target: Antichrist, The Indwelling: The Beast Takes Possession, The Mark: The Beast Rules the World, Desecration: Antichrist Takes the Throne, The Remnant: On the Brink of Armageddon, Armageddon: The Cosmic Battle of the Ages, Glorious Appearing: The End of Days, Kingdom Come: The Final Victory



This is a fictional account of what the authors believe the end times will be like based on the Bible's Book of Revelation. It encompasses what the world experienced at the time of the Rapture, through the reign of the Antichrist, all leading to Armageddon and the triumphant return of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom here on earth. For more information about Tim La Haye and Jerry Jenkins and their work, visit <http://www.leftbehind.com>

Websites

[ChristianBook.com](http://www.christianbook.com)

<http://www.christianbook.com>

[The Christy Awards](http://www.christyawards.com)

<http://www.christyawards.com>

[Faithful Reader](http://www.faithfulreader.com)

<http://www.faithfulreader.com>

[Women of Faith](http://www.womenoffaith.com)

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[Bethany House](http://www.bethanyhouse.com)

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