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Reading great literature well has the power to cultivate virtue, says acclaimed author Karen Swallow Prior. In this book, she takes readers on a guided tour through works of great literature both ancient and modern, exploring twelve virtues that philosophers and theologians throughout history have identified as most essential for good character and the good life.

Covering authors from Henry Fielding to Cormac McCarthy, Jane Austen to George Saunders, and Flannery O'Connor to F. Scott Fitzgerald, Prior explores some of the most compelling universal themes found in the pages of classic books, helping readers learn to love life, literature, and God through their encounters with great writing. The book includes end-of-chapter reflection questions geared toward book club discussions, original artwork throughout, and a foreword by Leland Ryken. The hardcover edition was named a Best Book of 2018 in Religion by *Publishers Weekly*.

"[A] lively treatise on building character through books."--*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

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Foreword by Leland Ryken



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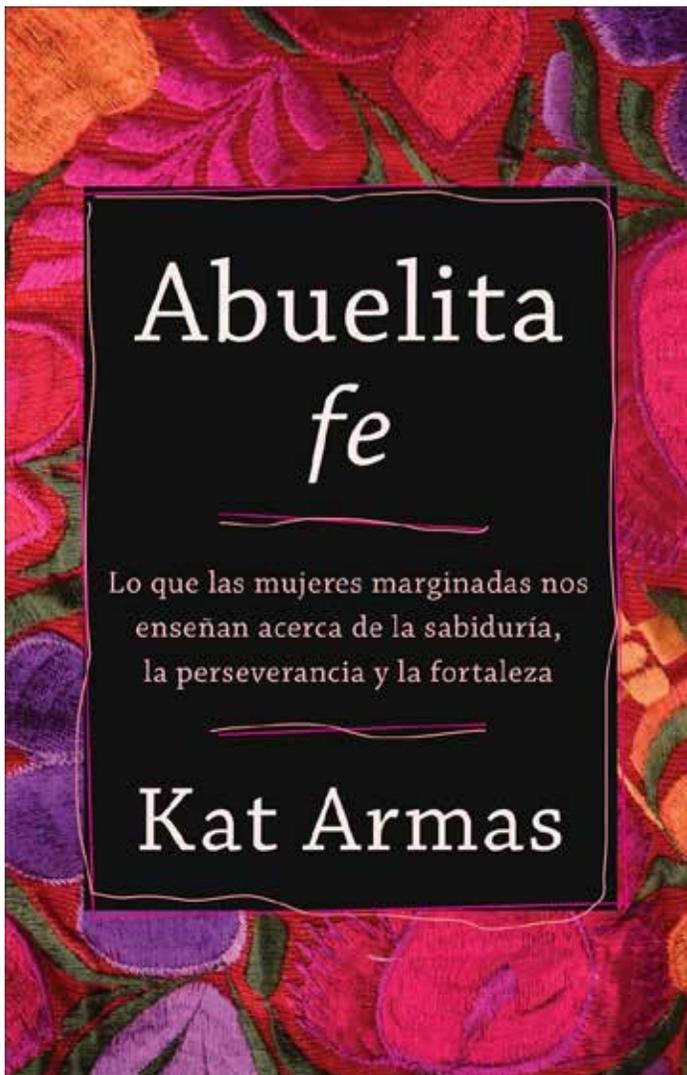
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Kat Armas (MDiv and MAT, Fuller Theological Seminary) is a writer, speaker, and host of *The Protagonistas* podcast, where she highlights stories of everyday women of color, including writers, pastors, church leaders, and theologians. She has written for *Christianity Today*, *Sojourners*, *Relevant*, *Christians for Biblical Equality*, Fuller Youth Institute, *Fathom* magazine, and Missio Alliance. Armas also works on the Living a Better Story project at the Fuller Youth Institute and speaks regularly at conferences on race and justice.

ABUELITA FE

Lo que las mujeres marginadas nos enseñan acerca de la sabiduría, la perseverancia y la fortaleza

Kat Armas

A Masterful Work of Wisdom and Theology--Now in Spanish!

- Armas hosts *The Protagonistas* podcast and speaks at churches and universities
- Author has written for *Sojourners*, *Relevant*, *Christians for Biblical Equality*, and *Missio Alliance*
- Author shares her story of growing up as a second-generation Cuban American

Kat Armas grew up on the outskirts of Miami's famed Little Havana neighborhood. Her earliest theological formation came from her grandmother, her abuelita, who fled Cuba during the height of political unrest and raised three children alone after her husband passed away.

Abuelita fe combines personal storytelling with biblical reflection to highlight unnamed and overlooked theologians--mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and daughters--whose sacred wisdom teaches us something unique about spirituality and God. Armas's exploration of abuelita theology will help people of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds reflect on the abuelitas in their lives and ministries and on ways they can live out abuelita faith every day.

"[A] powerful debut. . . . This persuasive testament will appeal to Christians interested in the lesser-known women of the Bible."--*Publishers Weekly*

LOW ANTHROPOLOGY

*The Unlikely Key to a Gracious View of Others
(and Yourself)*

David Zahl

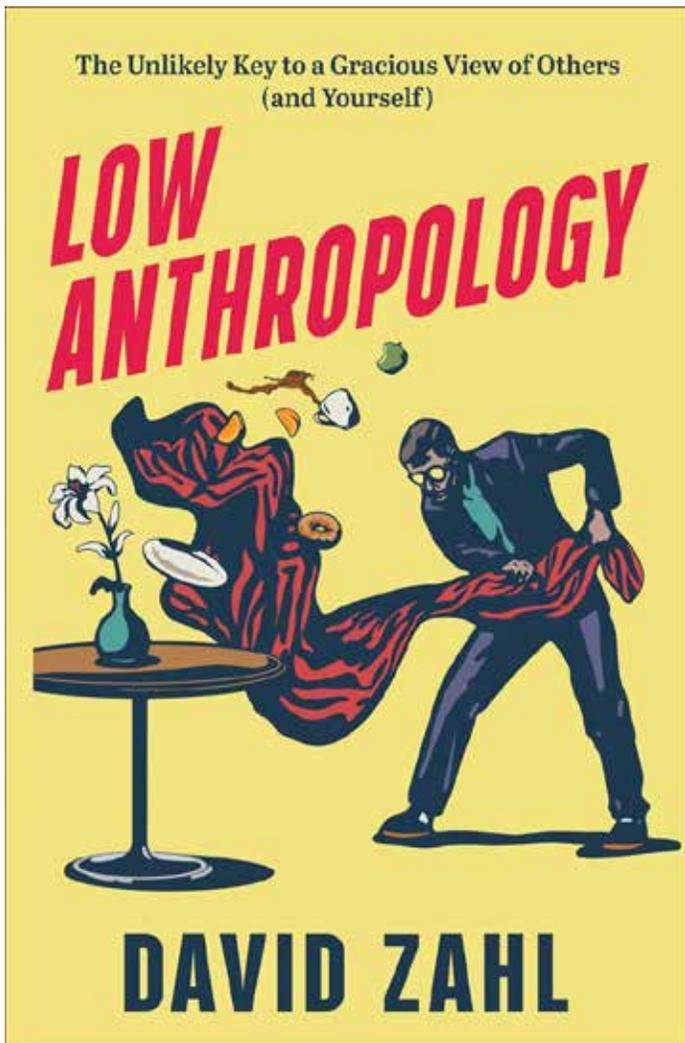
How Realistic Expectations Lead to Grace for Others--and Ourselves

- Zahl is founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries, editor in chief of the *Mockingbird* blog, and cohost of the *Mockingcast* podcast
- Author wrote the acclaimed book *Seculosity*
- Author has written for *Christianity Today*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Guardian*

Many of us spend our days feeling like we're the only one with problems, while everyone else has their act together. But the sooner we realize that everyone struggles like we do, the sooner we can show grace to ourselves and others.

In *Low Anthropology*, popular author and pastor David Zahl explores how our ideas about human nature influence our expectations in friendship, work, marriage, and politics. We all go through life with an "anthropology"--ideas about what human beings are like, our potentials and our limitations. A high anthropology can breed perfectionism, anxiety, burnout, loneliness, and resentment. Meanwhile, Zahl invites readers into a biblically rooted and life-giving *low* anthropology, which fosters hope, deep connection with others, lasting love, vulnerability, compassion, and happiness.

Zahl offers a liberating view of human nature, sin, and grace, showing why the good news of Christianity is both urgent and appealing. By embracing a more accurate view of human beings, readers will discover a lasting hope for others--and themselves.



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David Zahl is founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries, which receives more than 1 million website pageviews per year and has 35,000 newsletter subscribers and social media followers. He is editor in chief of the *Mockingbird* blog and cohost of the *Mockingcast* podcast. Zahl wrote the critically acclaimed book *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do About It* and has written for *Christianity Today*, the *Washington Post*, and *The Guardian*. He lives with his wife and three boys in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he also serves on the staff of Christ Episcopal Church.

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James K. A. Smith (PhD, Villanova University) is a popular speaker who has written many books, including *On the Road with Saint Augustine*, *You Are What You Love*, *Desiring the Kingdom*, and *Who's Afraid of Postmodernism?*—all *Christianity Today* Book Award winners. He is professor of philosophy at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he holds the Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology and Worldview. He is editor in chief of *Image*, a quarterly journal at the intersection of art, faith, and mystery. Smith has written for the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and the *Washington Post*.

HOW TO INHABIT TIME

*Understanding the Past, Facing the Future,
Living Faithfully Now*

James K. A. Smith

**Bestselling and Award-Winning Philosopher Unpacks
the Spiritual Significance of Time**

- Smith's previous books *You Are What You Love*, *On the Road with Saint Augustine*, *Desiring the Kingdom*, and *Who's Afraid of Postmodernism?* have all won *Christianity Today* Book Awards
- Author's Baker Publishing Group books have sold more than 300,000 copies combined
- *On the Road with Saint Augustine* was named one of the Top 100 Books and One of the 5 Best Books in Religion for 2019 by *Publishers Weekly*

Many Christians are disconnected from the past or imagine they are "above" history, immune to it, as if self-starters from clean slates in every generation. They suffer from a lack of awareness of time and the effects of history—both personal and collective—and thus are naive about current issues and fixated on the end times.

Popular speaker and award-winning author James K. A. Smith shows that awakening to the spiritual significance of time is crucial for orienting faith in the 21st century. He encourages us to cultivate the spiritual discipline of *memento temporis*, a temporal awareness of the Spirit's presence—indebted to a past, oriented toward the future, and faithful in the present. To gain spiritual appreciation for our mortality. To synchronize our heart-clocks with the tempo of the Spirit, which changes in the different seasons of life. Integrating popular culture, biblical exposition, and meditation, Smith provides insights for pastoring, counseling, spiritual formation, politics, and public life.

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The Knowledge Crisis Breaking Our Brains,
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Foreword by David French



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UNTRUSTWORTHY

The Knowledge Crisis Breaking Our Brains, Polluting Our Politics, and Corrupting Christian Community

Bonnie Kristian

Confronting the Crisis of Truth in American Life, Faith, and Politics

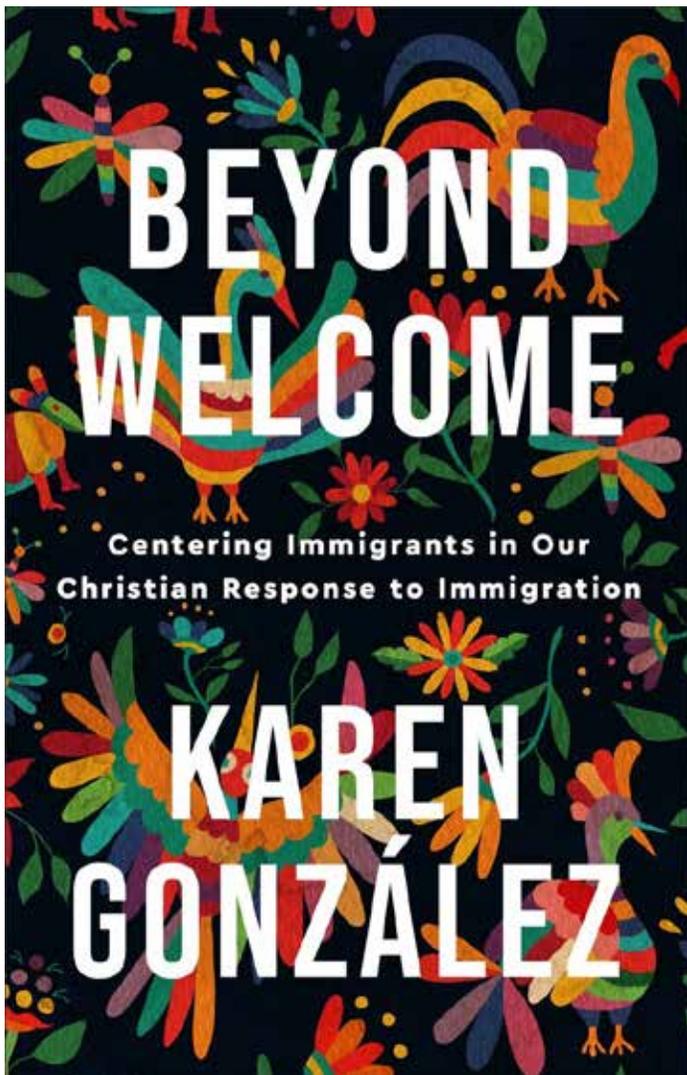
- Kristian is a regular columnist for *Christianity Today* and is a deputy editor at *The Week*
- Author's op-eds have been featured by outlets such as *USA Today*, CNN, Politico, and *Time*
- Foreword by David French

Which news stations should I watch to be a responsible news consumer? How do I know what is true and whom I can trust? What can I do to combat all the misinformation and how it's impacting people I care about?

Many Americans are agonizing over questions such as these, feeling unsure and overwhelmed in today's chaotic information environment.

American life and politics are suffering from a raging knowledge crisis, and the church is no exception. In *Untrustworthy*, Bonnie Kristian unpacks this crisis and explores ways to combat it in our own lives, families, and church communities.

Drawing from her extensive experience in journalism and her training as a theologian, Kristian explores social media, political and digital culture, online paranoia, and the press itself. She explains factors that contribute to our confusion and helps Christians pay attention to how we consume content and think about truth. Finally, she provides specific ways to take action, empowering readers to avoid succumbing to or fueling the knowledge crisis.



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Karen González is a writer, speaker, and immigrant advocate who emigrated from Guatemala as a child. She attended Fuller Theological Seminary, where she studied theology and missiology, and has worked in the nonprofit sector for 13 years. In addition to her first book, *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, The Bible, and the Journey to Belong*, she has written for *Christianity Today*, the *Christian Century*, *Sojourners*, and *The Baltimore Sun*. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

BEYOND WELCOME

Centering Immigrants in Our Christian Response to Immigration

Karen González

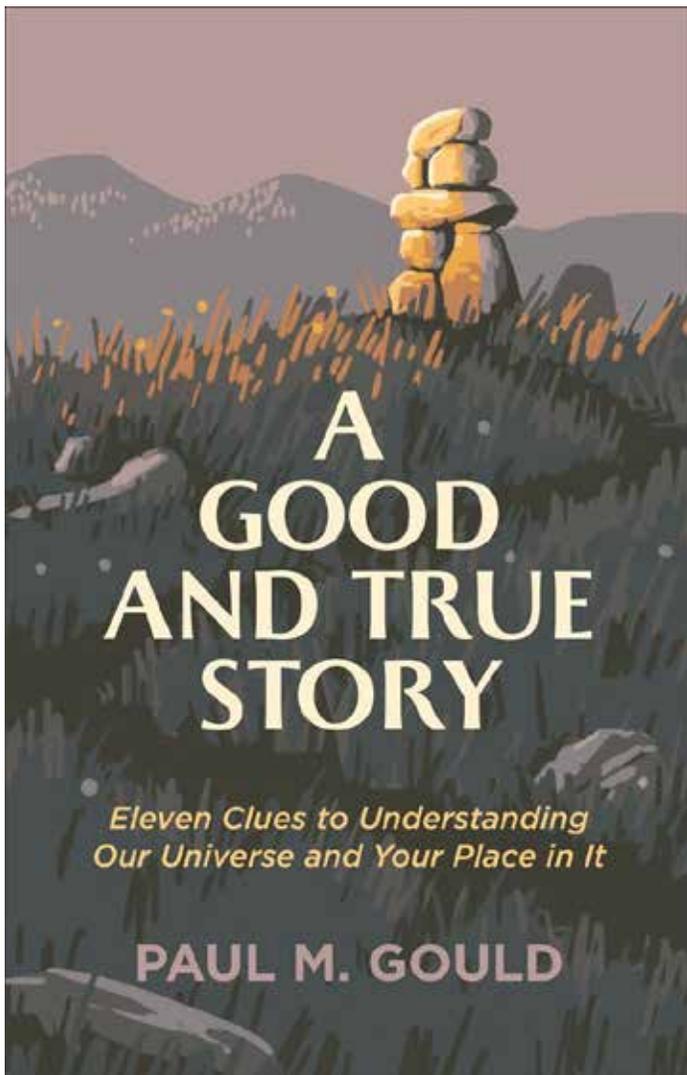
Centering Immigrants in Christians' Immigration Advocacy and Care

- González is a speaker, writer, and immigrant advocate who has worked with World Relief for several years
- Author has written for *Christianity Today*, the *Christian Century*, and *Sojourners*
- Author has spoken at the National Immigration Forum, Christian Community Development Association, Sojourners Summit, the Urban Youth Workers Conference, and the North American Refugee Highway Partnership

Many American Christians have good intentions, working hard to welcome immigrants with hospitality and solidarity. But how can we do that in a way that puts our immigrant neighbors first rather than pushing them to the fringes of white dominant culture and keeping them as outsiders? That's exactly the question Karen González explores in *Beyond Welcome*.

A Guatemalan immigrant, González draws from the Bible and her own experiences to examine why the traditional approach to immigration ministries and activism can be at best incomplete and at worst harmful. By advocating for putting immigrants themselves in the center of the conversation, González helps readers grow in discipleship and recognize themselves in their immigrant neighbors.

Accessible to any Christian who is called to serve immigrants, this book equips readers to take action to dismantle white supremacy and xenophobia in the church. They will emerge with new insight into our shared humanity and need for belonging and liberation.



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A GOOD AND TRUE STORY

Eleven Clues to Understanding Our Universe and Your Place in It

Paul M. Gould

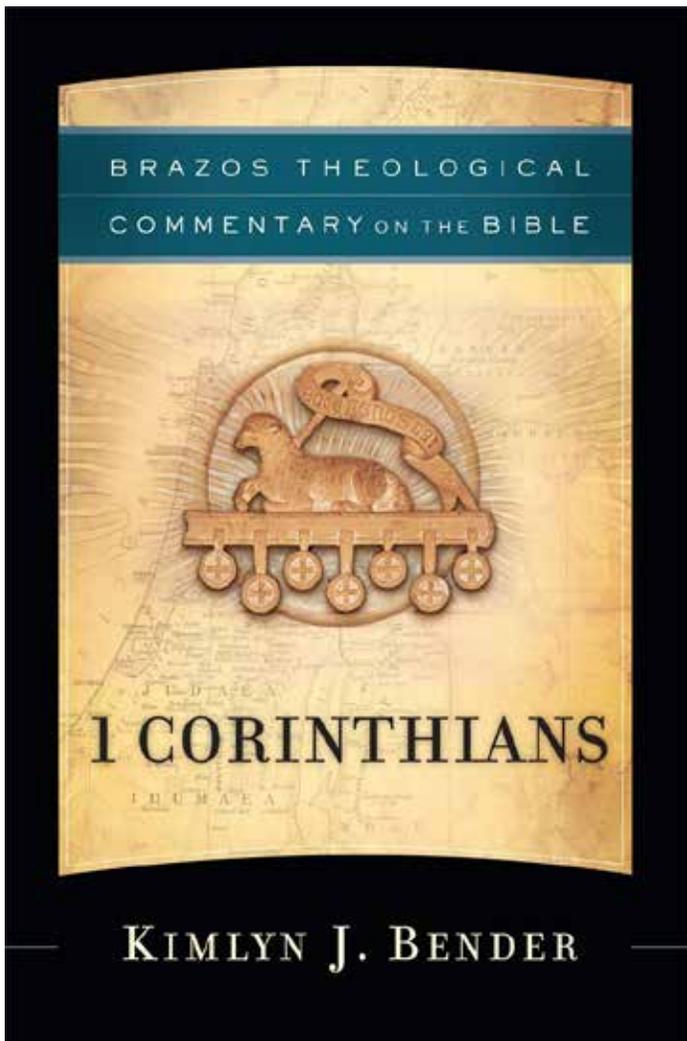
Why Christianity Holds the Most Satisfying Answers to Life's Biggest Questions

- Author's top-selling apologetics textbook, *Cultural Apologetics*, won a *Christianity Today* Book Award of Merit
- Author has spoken at the C. S. Lewis Institute, Summit Ministries, and the Colson Center Fellows Program
- Gould is founder and president of the Two Tasks Institute, an apologetics institute and podcast

Young adults today want authentic answers to their soul-deep questions about God. They want meaningful ways to communicate those answers to others. Most of all, they want to know that they are living a life that matters.

In *A Good and True Story*, philosopher, apologist, and international speaker Paul Gould leads readers on an engaging journey through eleven clues that suggest Christianity is not only true but satisfies our deepest longings. This creative foray into the foundations of Christian truth explores the universe, morality, happiness, pain, beauty, and more for readers looking for culturally informed apologetics.

Ideal for college-age and twentysomething readers, small group leaders, and anyone interested in the intersection of faith, philosophy, and culture, *A Good and True Story* reminds readers that their search for identity and purpose is a gift from a loving and purposeful God.



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