

Julie Hadden's Spiritual Journey With Weight Loss

Stay-at-home mom Julie Hadden was 5 feet 1 inch tall, weighed 218 pounds and was obese by medical standards when she pleaded with God to help her lose weight. She had no idea He would use the hit reality-TV show The Biggest Loser to help rid her of both the physical and spiritual weights that controlled her life. Julie was able to shed the pounds and regain her self-esteem.

She shares her story and tells about being a contestant on season four (2007) in her new book, Fat Chance: Losing the Weight, Gaining My Worth ([click here](#) to purchase). To hear her inspiring testimony, listen to our [podcast](#).

Saving Cicadas



By Nicole Seitz | Thomas Nelson | softcover | 320 pages | \$14.99

In *Saving Cicadas*, 8-year-old Janie Macy is a normal kid, as far as she knows. She lives in a small town with her mother, Priscilla Lynn; her older sister Rainey Dae, who has Down syndrome; and their grandparents. When her mother gets pregnant, though, her whole world changes.

Powers



By John B. Olson | B&H Fiction | softcover | 400 pages | \$14.99

John B. Olson delivers a supernatural thriller in *Powers*. Though it is a sequel to his novel *Shade*, it is a self-contained story.

Powers begins with Mariutza, who was raised in a Louisiana swamp by her grandfather, Purodad. He has trained her to be one of the Standing, a group to which God gives extrasensory powers against the Badness, Satan's human presence.

The Complete Love Comes Softly Collection



Fox Home Entertainment | \$99.98

The Hallmark Channel movie adaptations of Janette Oke's best-selling book series *Love Comes Softly* are now available in one complete DVD set. Follow the story of Clark and Marty Davis and their family as they face hardships, tragedy, love and triumph.

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Bible Translators Join in Fight Against AIDS

✘ A Florida-based ministry known for its Bible translation work has taken aim at addressing one of the world's most pressing humanitarian crises: AIDS.

For the last four years,

Wycliffe Bible Translators has been educating African communities about the devastating impact of AIDS, which has orphaned some 14 million children in sub-Saharan Africa alone. So far, teams have translated *Kande's Story*, an AIDS awareness curriculum, into 90 languages in 12 African nations, including Kenya, Mozambique, Zaire, Cameroon and Congo.

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Stop the World! I Really Want to Get Off!!

1 John 2:1-17 In these last days before the Lord returns, it seems the world is increasing in evil. The Bible tells us this will happen. Timothy tells us that in the last days seducing spirits will be everywhere. We have this hopeful word in God's Word that says where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. Sometimes my husband and I sit at our peaceful dinner table and remark to one another, "Things are really getting bad out there." One only has to watch the news to see the corruption in our world and the steady descent into more darkness. Sometimes after watching the news I want to say, "Stop the world! I want to get off!!" Today's reading gives us the reason the world is such a mess. We cannot blame it on God or even the devil. We only have to look at ourselves to find the answer to our predicament. Listen to what John says: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (vv. 15-17, KJV).

A Book About YOU

- ☒ God has set goals for each of our lives. In fact, He recorded them in a book before time began.

His Faith and Our Faith

☒ It is one thing for us to believe it once and be electrified and be thrilled, to have our world turned upside down, but quite another to keep believing it. The devil will come alongside and tell you that it can't be true, and he appeals to our natural reasoning. He appeals to what we know to be true about ourselves, that we are sinners. If he can, he will bring us right back to our bondage.