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Zion Mennonite Church

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"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my Path." ~ ~ Psalms

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BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

- ◇ **A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue** is a book written by two friends, Badru D. Kateraggia and David Shenk, a Muslim and a Christian. Their dialogue informs readers about Islam in its fundamental form and presents the creeds of Christian faith with frankness and sincerity.
- ◇ **God's People Now! Face to Face With Mennonite Church Canada.** Robert J. Suderman shares his reflections on what he heard in his "listening tour" of every Mennonite church in Canada.
- ◇ **Discerning God's Will Together** by Ervin Stutzman. The book highlights congregational discernment in difficult situations as a tool of faithful interpretation in the Anabaptist tradition.
- ◇ **On My Way: The View From the Ninth Decade.** Daniel Hertzler's wisdom and dry wit shine in this further biography that reflects on his thoughtfully lived life.
- ◇ **Mennonite Tourguide to Western Europe.** This is a 2007 version by Jan Gleysteen that will help the traveler to have a meaningful experience. For those who will never get to Europe the book is full of facts and descriptions of its culture and history including the Anabaptist story.
- ◇ **Blush** by Shirley Hershey Showalter is an engaging childhood memoir of a Mennonite girl meeting a glittering world.
- ◇ **Katie Opens Her Heart** and **Katie's Journey to Love** are numbers 1 & 2 in Jerry Eicher's Emma Raber's Daughters Series.
- ◇ Four Patchwork Mysteries books : **A Quilt of Memories, Threads of Truth, Pieces of the Past** and **Squared Away** are four Patchwork Mysteries books about Sarah Hart, an expert quilt restorer, who pieces together clues that unravel mysteries, always centered on a quilt.
- ◇ **Circle of Love** and **Aaron's War** by Romaine Stauffer are fictionalized stories of two young men whose choices led to disappointment, Aaron Stauffer in the Civil War and John Shenk in World War II.
- ◇ **Fix-It and Enjoy-It Potluck Heaven—543** recipes from home cooks that are easy to make—and take, compiled by Phyllis Pellman Good.
- ◇ Children's DVD's include :
3-2-1 Penguins: Meet the Penguins
Veggie Tales: Lord of the Beans
Bob the Builder's: White Christmas



We are still missing the book God Grew Tired of Us by John Bul Dau. This was kindly donated to our library last year. PLEASE, if you know of its whereabouts, return it to its rightful place!! It is wanting to be read!

*No man can be called friendless who
has God and the companionship of
good books."*

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning



Enter His gates with
Thanksgiving and His
Courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him
And praise His name.

Psalms 100:4 NIV

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I SHALL NOT HATE
By Izzeldin Abulaish

The wealthy Palestinian Abulaish family left their home to avoid deportation when the state of Israel came in to being. Their expected return home after a short stay in Gaza, a place designated for Palestinians, was not realized. The author was born and raised in a Gaza refugee camp. His story describes the fear and poverty of life in the camp that included deliberate destruction of houses in the camp which increased with the intifidas. The subsequent embargos restricted food, medical care and other necessities. His determination to find a way out of the poverty resulted in getting an education that took him beyond those borders to a life of hope. As a medical doctor he worked with Israeli colleagues who had similar love of family and of peace. Both agreed that talking together was crucial to the goal of peace desired by both peoples.

After the tragic deaths of three daughters at the hands of Israeli soldiers Izzeldin has worked for peace. His deepest hope is expressed that his daughters will be "the last sacrifice on the road to peace between Palestinians and Israelis." His is a remarkable commitment to forgiveness and reconciliation and he does not harbor anger toward those who killed the girls..

The message of the book is one well worth reading and pondering.

Can you find the 16 books of the Bible in this story?

I ONCE MADE A REMARK ABOUT THE HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. IT WAS A LULU. KEPT PEOPLE LOOKING SO HARD FOR FACTS AND FOR OTHERS IT WAS A REVELATION. SOME WERE IN A JAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAME OF THE BOOKS WERE NOT CAPITALIZED. BUT THE TRUTH FINALLY STRUCK HOME TO NUMBERS OF READERS. TO OTHERS, IT WAS A REAL JOB. WE WANT IT TO BE A MOST FASCINATING FEW MOMENTS FOR YOU.

YES, THERE WILL BE SOME REALLY HARD ONES TO SPOT... OTHERS MAY REQUIRE JUDGES TO HELP THEM. I WILL QUICKLY ADMIT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF THEM. AND THERE WILL BE LOUD LAMENTATIONS WHEN IT IS FOUND. A LITTLE LADY SAYS SHE BREWS A CUP OF TEA SO SHE CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN COMPLETE. RELAX NOW FOR THERE ARE REALLY SIXTEEN NAMES OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THIS STORY...

(One preacher found 15 books in 20 minutes, but it took him 3 weeks to find the sixteenth one.)