

Mary & Martha's Place Book List, 1994 – Present

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Fall 2024

*What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman*

by Lerita Coeman Brown

“Holding the Planet: A Wisdom School with Cynthia Bourgeault”

Fall 2023 – Winter/Spring 2024

*That's the Way It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel

*Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

*People of the Lie* by Scott M. Peck

Fall 2022 – Winter/Spring 2023

*The Book of Joy* by the Dalia Lama and Desmond Tutu

Elder Spirituality course

*Mystical Hope* by Cynthia Bourgeault

Fall 2021 – Winter/Spring 2022

*Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell

Select essays by Scott Russell Sanders, Bill Plotkin, Ilia Delio

Select teachings from *Ever Present Origin* by Jean Gebser

Select teachings from *Seeing Through the World* by Jeremy Johnson

Fall 2020 – Winter/Spring 2021

*The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom

*Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman

*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

*The Eye of the Heart* by Cynthia Bourgeault

Fall 2019 – Winter/Spring 2020

*The Holy Trinity and the Law of Three* by Cynthia Bourgeault

Fall 2018 – Winter/Spring 2019

*Why Religion?* By Elaine Pagels

*Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass

*The Wisdom Way of Knowing* by Cynthia Bourgeault

Fall 2017 – Winter/Spring 2018

*Braving the Wilderness* by Brené Brown

*Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer

Fall 2016 – Winter/Spring 2017

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*Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance

*Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living* by Krista Tippett

### Fall 2015 – Winter/Spring 2016

*Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass

*Second Wind: Navigating the Passage to a Slower, Deeper, and More Connected Life* by Bill Thomas

### Fall 2014–Winter/Spring 2015

*Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor

*The Rebirthing of God* by John Philip Newell

### Fall 2013 – Winter/Spring 2014

*Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife* by Eben Alexander, MD

*8 Habits of Love* by Ed Bacon

### Fall 2012 – Winter/Spring 2013

*Broken Open* by Elizabeth Lesser

*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr

*The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind – a New Perspective on Christ and His Message* by Cynthia Bourgeault

### Fall 2010 – Winter/Spring 2011

*Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles

*The Meaning of Mary Magdalene* by Cynthia Bourgeault

*Scarred By Struggle, Transformed by Hope* by Joan Chittister

### Fall 2009 – Winter/Spring 2010

*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor

*Tales of Wonder* by Huston Smith

*The Naked Now* by Richard Rohr

### Fall 2008 – Winter/Spring 2009

*My Grandfather's Blessings* by Rachel Naomi Remen

*A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle

*Living Deeply: The Art and Science of Transformation in Everyday Life* by Marilyn Schlitz, Cassandra Vieten, Tina Amorok

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### Fall 2007 – Winter/Spring 2008

*Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

*The Wisdom Way of Knowing: Reclaiming the Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart* by Cynthia Bourgeault

*The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring* by Parker Palmer

### Fall 2006 – Winter/Spring 2007

*On Desire: Why We Want What We Want* by William B. Irvine

*The Wounding and Healing of Desire: Weaving Heaven and Earth* by Wendy Farley

*Addiction and Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions* by Gerald May

*Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor

*The Places That Scare You: A Guide to Fearlessness in Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron

*A Short History of Myth* by Karen Armstrong

### Fall 2005 – Winter/Spring 2006

*I Will Not Die an Unlived Life: Reclaiming Purpose and Passion* by Dawna Markova

*The Second Half of Life* by Angeles Arrien

*Unreliable Truth: On Memoir and Memory* by Maureen Murdock

### Fall 2005–Winter/Spring 2006, continued

*Inventing the Rest of Our Lives: Women in Second Adulthood* by Suzanne Levine

*The Heroine's Journey: Women's Quest for Wholeness* by Maureen Murdock

*Faith and Feminism: A Holy Alliance* by Helen LaKelly Hunt

*The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness* by Karen Armstrong

### Fall 2004 – Winter/Spring 2005

*Contemplative Heart* by James Finley

*Inner Simplicity: 100 Ways to Regain Peace and Nourish Your Soul* by Elaine St. James

*Living the Simple Life: A Guide to Scaling Down and Enjoying More* by Elaine St. James

*Lighten Up: Free Yourself from Clutter* by Michelle Passoff

### Fall 2003 – Winter/Spring 2004

*The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown

*Beyond the Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

*The Art of Possibility* by Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander

Experiential program, “We are Flutes for the Divine Breath”

### Fall 2002 – Winter/Spring 2003

*Dreams: God's Forgotten Language* by John Sanford

*Reconciliation: Mission and Ministry in a Changing Social Order* by Robert Schreier

*Why Christianity Must Change or Die* by John Shelby Spong

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*Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* by Janisse Ray

*Ten Poems to Change Your Life* by Roger Housden

*Heart of Flesh: A Feminist Spirituality for Women and Men* by Joan D. Chittister

### Fall 2001 – Winter/Spring 2002

*Life Abundant: Rethinking Technology and Economy for a Planet in Peril* by Sallie McFague

*Islam: A Short History* by Karen Armstrong

*My Soul in Silence Waits* by Margaret Guenther

*Tending the Earth, Mending the Spirit: The Healing Gifts of Gardening* by Connie Goldman and Richard Mahler

*The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant

*The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith* by Marcus Borg

*A Woman's Path: Women's Best Spiritual Travel Writing* by McCauley, Carlson & Leo, ed.

*How Then Shall We Live?* By Wayne Muller

*The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron

### Fall 2000 – Winter/Spring 2001

*Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller

*A Place to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer* by Roberta Bondi

*The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion* by Barbara Brown Taylor

*Listening for the Heartbeat of God* by J. Philip Newell

*Listening for God: A Minister's Journey Through Silence and Doubt* by Renita J. Weems

*A Border Passage: From Cairo to America – A Woman's Journey* by Leila Ahmed

*The Bond Between Women: A Journey to Fierce Compassion* by China Galland

*Another Country: Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Our Elders* by Mary Pipher

### Fall 1999 – Winter/Spring 2000

*The Gifts of the Jews: How a Tribe of Desert Nomads Changed the Way Everyone Thinks and Feels* by Thomas Cahill

*God, Sex and Women of the Bible: Discovering Our Sensual, Spiritual Selves* by Shoni Labowitz

*Saving Jesus From Those Who Are Right: Rethinking What It Means to Be Christian* by Carter Heyward

*At the Root of This Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst* by Carol Lee Flinders

*Take Your Time: Finding Balance in a Hurried World* by Eknath Easwaran

*When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times* by Pema Chodron

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*Women's Spirituality: Resources for Christian Development* edited by Joan Wolski Conn  
*Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People* edited by Dorothy Bass  
*The Celtic Way of Prayer: Recovery of the Religious Imagination* by Esther de Waal  
*Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics* by Carol Lee Flinders  
*Do What You Have the Power to Do: Stories of Six New Testament Women* by Helen Pearson

### Fall 1997 – Winter/Spring 1998

*Jubilee Time: Celebrating Women, Spirit and the Advent of Age* by Maria Harris  
*Women Who Run with the Wolves* by Clarissa Pinkola Estes  
*The Chalice and the Blade* by Riane Eisler  
*Choosing to Lead: Women and the Crisis of American Values* by Constance Buchanan  
*Just a Sister Away* by Renita J. Weems  
*Women at the Well* by Kathleen Fischer  
*Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris

### Fall 1996

*Dance of the Dissident Daughter* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg  
*Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool* by Lauren Artress

### 1994–1995

*A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary* by Macrina Wiederkehr  
*Memories of God* by Roberta Bondi  
*Inheriting Our Mothers' Gardens: Feminist Theology in Third World Perspective* edited by Katie Cannon  
*The Gnostic Gospels* by Elaine Pagels  
*She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse* by Elizabeth A. Johnson  
*A Warm, Moist, Salty God: Women Journeying Towards Wisdom* by Edwina Gately  
*The World's Religions* by Huston Smith