

## Books By Wilshire Authors

Explore these titles and others at the Wilshire Author Fair

Noon to 2 p.m.

September 14, 2025

Community Hall

Wilshire Baptist Church

4316 Abrams Road

Dallas, Texas 75214

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### Dr. Bill G. Bruster

*Living on the Edge: A Biographical View of Leadership*

Learn how all good leaders possess enough courage and vision to push the envelope and take some risks.

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### George Gagliardi

*Some Hope for the Holidays: Reflections on Christmas & Easter*

A collection of stories, essays, poems, scripts and lyrics that explores the true meaning of Christmas and Easter from this award-winning musician and writer.

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### Sally Gary

*Affirming: A Memoir of Faith, Sexuality and Staying in the Church*

A compelling true story of one woman's journey of accepting herself as gay, while holding on to her faith.

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### Jeff Hampton

*Aransas Morning and Aransas Evening*

Tales of community and redemption on the Texas Gulf Coast.

*Grandpa Jack*

One man's journey through the labyrinth of American politics.

*Jonah Prophet*

A modern retelling of the Biblical story of Jonah and the whale.

*The Snowman Uprising on Hickory Lane*

A cautionary tale about what happens when you pester the wrong person.

*Together: Thoughts and Stories about Living in Community*

Essays about the highs and lows of living in community.

*When the Light Returned to Main Street*

A collection of short stories for the Christmas holidays.

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**JoBeth Jones (Mary Kay Jackman and Julie Offord Owen)**

**Mystery Adventure Series**

*Justice in Jeterville* opens a series of adventures for Carolann, EJ, their friends and family, taking them from East Texas to Memphis (*Missing in Memphis*) and Dallas (*Death in Dallas*). New Orleans calls them to find justice for one of their beloveds in *No Mercy in New Orleans*, the next installment. (Author JoBeth Jones)

*Two Silly Chickens*

Bright primary colors, humorous images and a simply-worded poem tell pre-readers through six-year-olds where their breakfast eggs come from. (Author JoBeth Jones)

*Christmas Counting Carol*

Luscious illustrations from one lonely camel to ten angels announcing Christ's birth give this book its appeal for reading to small children and for older children learning to read and count. (Authors Mary Jackman, Julie Owen, David Clanton)

*Fred A. Frog*

Depicted in glorious color, unlikely friends – a frog, a bee and the sun – chat with each other about their respective roles in nature, appealing to pre-readers and children learning to read. (Author Julie Owen, Mary Kay Jackman)

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**Karen Keen**

*The Word of a Humble God: The Origins, Inspiration, and Interpretation of Scripture*

How did we get the Bible, and what are the implications for how we interpret it? This book provides an accessible but thorough overview of the origins of the Bible.

*Christlike Acceptance Across Deep Difference: Constructive Conversations on Sexuality and Gender*

Cutting across the contentious divides, this anthology of 21 contributors takes the challenging topic of sexuality and gender in a whole new direction.

*The Jesus Way: Practicing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*

Renew your spiritual life with a nine-month devotional taking you through a 500-year-old Christian practice.

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**Jerry McElveen**

*Come Let Us Conjure*

*Pushing the Pullets*

*Pinholes of Light*

All three volumes are collections of lyric and dramatic verse, most in free form and heavily autobiographical.

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**Kate McIver**

*The Forever Staircase*

In this memoir recounting a lifelong journey to heal after an early childhood loss, the author draws upon anecdotes, written records, and a vivid memory to portray a family heritage rich in love, faith, wisdom, and wit.

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**Annette Miller**

*Daring the Dark: A Workbook for Exploring Your Evolving Spiritual Questions*

A compassionate guide to aid spiritual questers through a critical thinking process for seeking answers to spiritual questions.

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**Scott Spreier**

*Resurrecting St. John the Rancher*

When Scooter James returns to his boyhood home for his annual hunting trip, all he wants is peace and quiet. What he finds are the demons he's been running from since childhood, and the mysterious death of his mentor, John, a profane old rancher.

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## **Mark Wingfield**

*Honestly: Telling the Truth about the Bible and Ourselves*

A look at how the Bible has been misused by some to perpetuate certain kinds of lies and untruths in ways that plague both politics and religion in America today.

*Why Churches Need to Talk about Sexuality: Lessons Learned from Hard Conversations about Sex, Gender, Identity, and the Bible*

An exploration written for clergy and lay leaders of how one congregation undertook a detailed study of how the church should respond to the inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender members.

*Hanging By a Thread: Poetry by Mark Wingfield*

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## **Collin Yarbrough**

*Paved A Way: Infrastructure, Policy, and Racism in an American City*

An investigation into the impact of inequitable infrastructure development in five of Dallas' Black and Mexican American neighborhoods and how we can identify injustice and work to repair our cities toward a more just future.