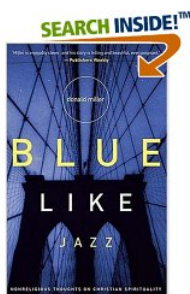
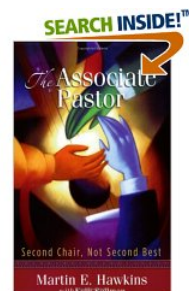


## The Associate Pastor

Like the second-chair position in an orchestra, a well-prepared associate pastor complements and harmonizes with the senior pastor's ministry to create an exquisite symphony. Yet more often than not, we consider the position of "second fiddle" second rate. How long will we let the growing number of assistant and associate pastors struggle to recognize their significance?



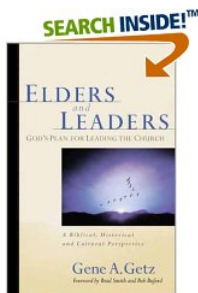
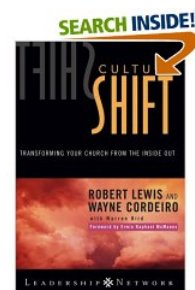
## Blue Like Jazz

Miller is a young writer, speaker and campus ministry leader. An earnest evangelical who nearly lost his faith, he went on a spiritual journey, found some progressive politics and most importantly, discovered Jesus' relevance for everyday life. This book, in its own elliptical way, tells the tale of that journey. But the narrative is episodic rather than linear. As such, it offers a postmodern riff on the classic evangelical presentation of the Gospel, complete with a concluding call to commitment. –Amazon

## Culture Shift

Like snowflakes and fingerprints, every church's culture is unique. Learning the art of cultural analysis and cultural formation shown in *Culture Shift* is indispensable for church leaders.

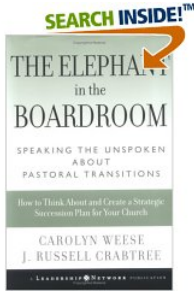
–John Ortberg, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church



## Elders and Leaders

Several reviewers compare 'Elders and Leaders' by Gene Getz to another book on church eldership called 'Biblical Eldership' by Alexander Strauch. As with Strauch, Getz presents the biblical texts very well. He also includes writings of the early church fathers up to the 3rd century. What Getz does differently than Strauch is that he keeps the 'pure text' work to the front of the book so elders of all size and type churches can read this as 'pure' biblical exegesis. Later Getz draws conclusions which come from pastoring large, elder-led churches for over 3 decades.

–Brad Smith



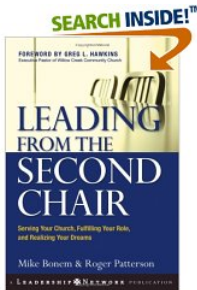
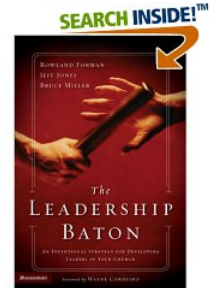
## The Elephant in the Boardroom

Carolyn Weese and Russ Crabtree have done churches a great service in breaking the curious silence about pastoral transition, perhaps the most serious threat to churches in the less institutionalized twenty-first century world. Here you will find the reality-based principles that lead to strategic succession.

–Bob Buford, Leadership Network

## The Leadership Baton

This book is a great resource for church leaders that are feeling the vacuum of a lack of leadership development in their church. It is well written, and is loaded with relevant information. –Amazon



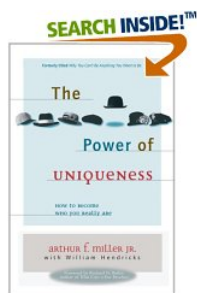
## Leading From the Second Chair

If you are a second chair leader, are considering a second chair role, or work with a second chair leader, this book is a must read! Mike Bonem and Roger Patterson have done a superb job of defining the living paradoxes a second chair leader deals with day in and day out. Don't consider a second chair role without reading this book first.

–Warren Schuh

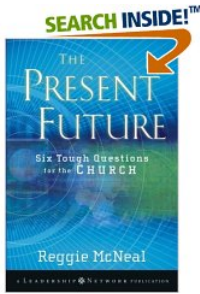
## Organic Church

I heartily recommend this book. It is packed with deep insights; you will find no fluff in it. Among the books on church planting, it offers a rare combination of attributes: it is biblical and well written, its model has proven effective, and it is authored by a practitioner rather than an observer or an ivory-tower theoretician. –Curtis Sergeant



## The Power of Uniqueness

The purpose of this book is to help identify your uniqueness and build upon your discovery. He describes the process of success as being ongoing and discusses how to maintain the momentum. Discovering one's area of giftedness and building on that in a way that glorifies God is the essence of the book. He devotes discussion to discovering one's giftedness and how to apply that knowledge to everyday life. –Dr. W.G. Covington, Jr.

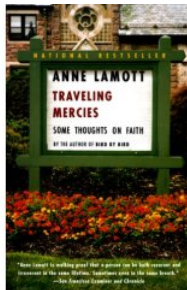
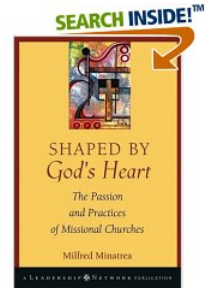


## The Present Future

This is the most courageous book I have ever read on church life. McNeal nails the problem on the head. Be prepared to be turned upside down and shaken loose of all your old notions of what church is and should be in today's world. –George Cladis

## Shaped by God's Heart

Milfred Minatrea is a pilgrim not a conquistador. His book is not a map drawn by someone who's conquered the land. It is a compass with a true north, that points to survival in the secular wilderness where Christ himself is waiting on vitality to knock. This book does not point the way to church growth. It calls the reader to honest pilgrimage—to find the way to meaningful faith. –Calvin Miller, Beeson Divinity School

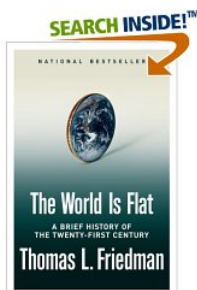


## Traveling Mercies

This is a personal, touching and often funny chronicle of one woman's faith journey, including her struggles with single parenting. When I was in need of inspiration, I often would spend a few minutes reading this one. It energized me to keep going, keep writing, keep putting words on paper. Lamott's creativity is contagious. –John Alkire

## Velvet Elvis

Bell is a gritty, no-holds-barred pastor whose deepest concern is to see Christians living authentically. He argues that to do so we need to be able to understand Scripture rightly, because Scripture teaches us who we are in relation to God and each other and, when we understand that, we will live rightly. –K. Steakley



## The World is Flat

For a columnist for the NY Times he has a firm grasp on the economic forces around the globe that influence policy decisions. It is a must for anyone that wants to understand the global business climate. –Aaron Schaal