



Complete list of entries submitted for 2006

- Anglican Youth Works**
A Spectator's guide to Jesus
John Dickson
- Promoting The Gospel*
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- Promoting The Gospel, Discussion Guide*
Simon Smart
- John, The Shepherd King*
Paul Barnett
- Becoming God's Friend*
Rhonda Watson
- Aussies Afire Publishing**
Desperate
Kerry Medway
- Barry Shield**
Ideas of God in the 21st Century
Barry Shield
- Withering on the Vine*
Barry Shield
- Evangelical Alliance**
A Street Called Choice
Alan Nicholls
- Evangelism Ministries**
What Women Really Need
various
- Harper Collins Publishers Australia**
An Angel in the Court
Anne Henderson
- Klesis Institute**
God on Monday
Benny Tabalujan
- Matthias Media**
Is it Worth Believing, The Spiritual Challenge of The Da Vinci Code
Greg Clarke
- Gumtree Gully*
Kel Richards
- A Sinner's Guide to Holiness*
John Chapman
- New Creation Publications**
Knowing God's Forgiveness
John Dunn
- Order of St Luke**
In Search of Wholeness
Peter Welllock
- Peace Lutheran College**
How Kangaroo Found His Tail
Wayne Rosendale et al
- Penguin Group**
Hope Bay
Nicole Plass
- Theodore's Gift*
Ursula Dubosarsky
- Penguin Group**
Oris
Morris Gleitzman
- Little Fur*
Isabelle Carmody
- Inviting the Magician*
Toby Riddle
- Lost Property*
James Moloney
- Mother's Day*
Anne Brooksbank
- Pneumatic Projects**
The Door Between Worlds
Jotham Kingston
- Rutter Publications**
Voice of Humility
Deborah Rutter
- Scripture Union**
Unseen Footprints
Sheridan Voysey
- Signs Publishing Company**
The French Pilot
Allen Steele
- Creating Memories for Teens*
Wayne French
- SPCK Australia**
Never Alone
Cecily Paterson
- Strand Publishing**
Aussie Yarns
Kel Richards
- The Big Argument*
Michael J Westacott & John F Ashton
- I'm Not Crazy, I'm just a little unwell*
Leigh Hatcher
- Australian Stories of Life*
various
- Tripple D Books**
Nest Egg: A Clutch of Poems
Christobel Mattingley
- Urban Neighbours of Hope**
The Eye of The Needle
Jim Reiter
- Make Poverty Personal*
Ash Barker
- Surrender All*
Ashley Barker
- Willow Publishing**
100 Bible Games for Every Body
Julia Abrams
- Windsor Scroll Publishing**
An Ordinary Woman
Marlene Marburg

The following books were short-listed for final judging

- A spectator's guide to Jesus: an introduction to the man from Nazareth**, John Dickson, Blue Bottle Books, ISBN 1-921 137-50-9
- Promoting The Gospel** *Guide to biblical art of sharing your faith*, John Dickson, Blue Bottle Books, ISBN 1-920935-77-0
- What Women Really Want Need** *Australian women talk about Jesus*, Lesley Ramsay (Ed), Evangelism Ministries, ISBN 0-9757551-0-2
- An Angel in the Court:** *The Life of Major Joyce Harmer*, Anne Henderson, Harper Collins, ISBN 0-7322-8021-4
- God on Monday:** *Reflections on Christians @ work*, Benny Tabalujan, Klesis Institute, ISBN 0-9758378-0-X
- Unseen Footprints:** *The divine along the journey of life*, Sheridan Voysey, Scripture Union, ISBN 1-876794-52-6
- Never Alone:** *The story of David & Robyn Claydon*, Cecily Patterson, SPCK-A, ISBN 1-876106-13-1
- I'm Not Crazy, I'm just a little unwell:** *My journey through Chronic Fatigue*, Leigh Hatcher, Strand, ISBN 1-876-82535-9
- Make Poverty Personal:** *The Bible's call to end oppression*, Ash Barker, Urban Neighbours, ISBN 097750700-9

Judging

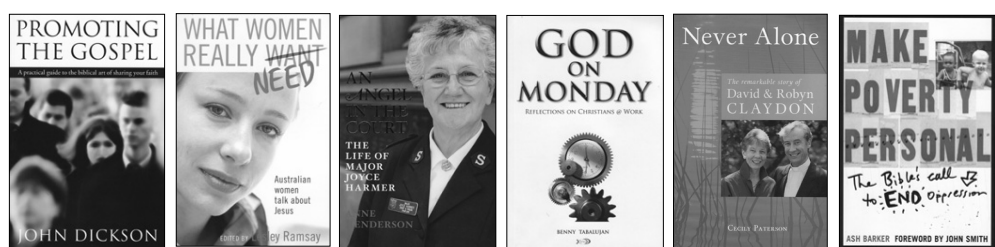
Entries were read and judged with an eye to:
The original nature of the work,
The literary style, including suitability for the target audience,
The competence and expertise displayed by the author in writing the book and examining the underlying thesis,
The overall design, layout, cover, text and illustrations,
The contribution that the book makes in meeting a need in Christian writing for the Australian situation.

Judges 2006

John Calvert – Baptist pastor and College lecturer in church history
John Pfitzner – Lutheran Pastor; veteran Publisher (formerly at Open Book) and editor
Hilary Woodley – Anglican layperson and teacher of English French and History at Wilderness School

Co-ordinator

Len Woodley – National Secretary of SPCK-Australia



Judge's Comments

Unseen footprints: *encountering the divine along the journey of life* by Sheridan Voysey (Scripture Union)

By using excellent examples from contemporary culture, Unseen Footprints provides an excitingly fresh and creative look at the intersections of the divine in daily life, and presents the faith in a way which connects with today's generation. It explores our responses to situations of pain, fame, yearning and delight without descending to sentimentality or religiosity.

Its well crafted, artistically pleasing presentation, makes it ideal for non-Christians and good to give to people who are searching, while being equally relevant to those who have already found God.

The engaging text of this innovative book is enhanced by the astute use of beautiful illustrations. A thoughtful and intelligent book which is creative, original and readable, but has depth and is not superficial. Editing and presentation are exemplary.

A spectator's guide to Jesus: an introduction to the man from Nazareth by John Dickson (Blue Bottle Books)

In a worthy addition to the "Spectator's Guide" series, this scholarly but accessible book deals with various aspects of the person of Jesus, some of which people don't always recognise. It presents a clear picture of Jesus as seen by the people of his times, as well as convincing evidence from the secular sources, but also confronts the reader with the significant claims of Jesus in a sensitive and subtle way.

People (Christians and non-Christians) are interested in the person of Jesus, so the objective approach is good for those who know nothing, but has depth for people already acquainted with Jesus.

Its easy conversational style is neither shallow nor glib, and it explains theories clearly whilst avoiding theological language.

I'm not crazy I'm just a little unwell: my journey through Chronic Fatigue Syndrome by Leigh Hatcher (Strand Publishing)

A high-profile television journalist tells an honest personal story about his experience with CFS. He defines his 'wilderness experience' in detail, but never loses engagement, and completely avoids self-pity.

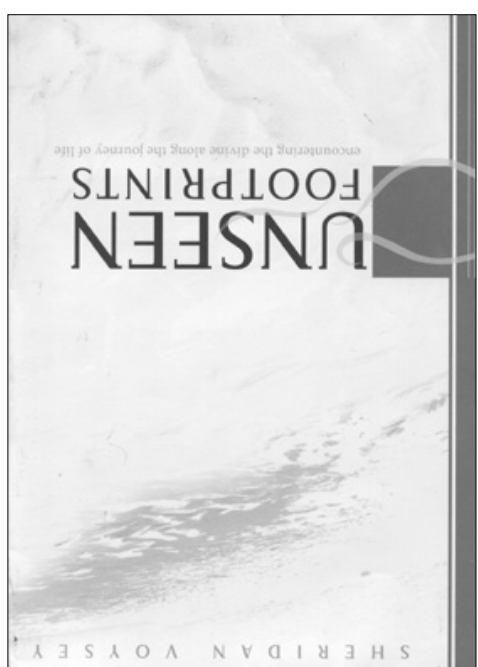
A valuable aspect of his story is his facing of the pain of misunderstanding and inappropriate responses from others, including Christian friends. The depths of his Christian struggle are explicit, but his abiding trust in God is inspiring.

The lively and engaging style of a professional journalist, coupled with his high media profile, will make this book appeal to many secular Australians. The cover cleverly provides instant recognition to many television viewers.

Unseen footprints: encountering the divine along the journey of life

Scripture Union Australia
ISBN 1876794526
by Sheridan Voysey

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Winner 2006



Strand Publishing
ISBN 1876825359
by Leigh Hatcher
I'm not crazy I'm just a little unwell: my journey through Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

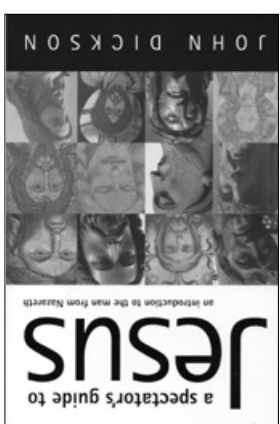
3rd Prize



Blue Bottle Books
ISBN 1921137509
by John Dickson

A spectator's guide to Jesus: an introduction to the man from Nazareth

2nd Prize



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