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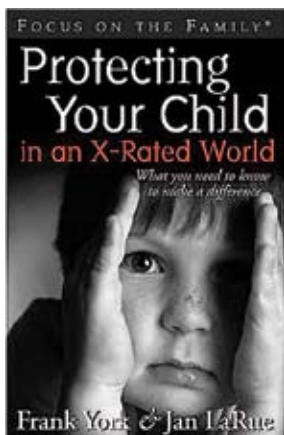
What Could I be? A Handbook on Becoming More like Jesus

by Peter Hicks. Leicester, England, Inter-Varsity Press, 2005, 297pp

If you're bored, frustrated or stuck in a rut, this book will help kick-start your Christian life. As the title indicates, it's a practical manual designed to move you on from where you are now to what you *could be* in Christ. English theologian Peter Hicks knows his stuff and writes authoritatively. He encourages the reader to go to church, worship God, live the Christian life, overcome the wiles of the devil and push on through difficulties. The book is divided into short easy-to-digest sections, rather than chapters, and works its way alphabetically through a number of things the Bible says we could be – be alive, be holy, be generous, be filled with the Spirit, and so on. Each section finishes with Bible references, a prayer, phrases for meditation, questions for group discussions and injunctions to *be what we can be*.

It is a companion to *What Could I Be? What Could I Say? A handbook for helpers and What Could I do? A handbook for facing hard choices*. Packed with sound advice, it's a great read for struggling Christians and for all who need a "tune-up."
 – Reviewed by Marie Anticich

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Protecting Your Child in an X-Rated World

by Frank York and Jan LaRue, Illinois. Tyndale House Publishers, 2002. 307pp.

Today's children – even preschoolers – are being exposed to pornography to an unprecedented degree. That's the message and warning of this book from Focus on the Family.

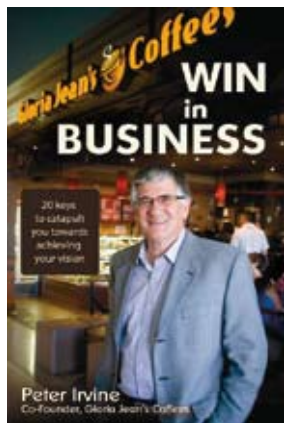
Both the authors were childhood victims of porn. Frank started reading girlie magazines when *Playboy* came out in 1955 and watched hard-core porn films in Vietnam. By age eight Jan had been abused by four men. Now they are involved in the battle against porn, Jan as a legal expert and Frank as a writer/researcher.

No longer confined to sleazy parts of town, porn is rife in rap music, DVDs and pay phone numbers, and has invaded the home through TV and computers. Do you really know what your child is watching? This book tells you how to check your child's internet-watching history. Even soft porn can affect your child's life-long sexual preferences.

The authors argue that pornography creates unreal desires and expectations which distort normal relationships and healthy intimacy. People are seen as sexual objects and body parts, instead of persons made in God's image. Porn watching is progressive and addictive. Viewers become desensitised and watch increasingly degraded images. They may become adulterers, sex offenders, child molesters, rapists or murderers.

This wake-up call provides practical and spiritual pointers for protecting our children and equips us to fight the flood of pornography in our community. Forewarned is forearmed.
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Win in Business

by Peter Irvine. Sydney, Ark House Press, 2007, 223pp, RRP \$AU24.95

Here's a Christmas gift for a self-employed friend or family member. This book is written by a laid back Australian and Christian businessman who established the Gloria Jean's coffee franchise in Australia. He and his wife and business partner Nabi Saleh opened the first Gloria Jean's in 1996 and now there are 400 stores throughout Australia, and they own the worldwide franchise. Previously Irvine worked for many years in the McDonalds account of DDB Needham Advertising.

I heard Irvine speak at a business conference in Auckland in August and he is a good storyteller. This comes through in his book which is packed with down-to-earth advice on marketing, partnerships, franchising, time-management and work-life balance. All through shines Irvine's love of God, his wife and family. He is a popular motivational speaker organisation and director of Mercy Ministries, an organisation which helps girls with life-threatening diseases. I did a double-take when I looked at the book's back cover – it bears a tell-tale coffee cup ring!
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