



## March 2008 – Book Reviews – New Publications

### KS1

**‘The First Easter’** by Lois Rock

Published by Lion

Price: £7.99

ISBN 0 7459 4958 1

- A faithful retelling of the story using some of the Biblical words in a context that young people can understand.
- Helps to explore the meaning behind the events of Holy Week and Easter.
- Extremely good value for quite a large hardback book.
- The book has water-colour illustrations that are straightforward and to which children will relate.

### KS1 & KS2

**‘Barney and Echo – A lesson learned!’** by The Police Community Clubs of Great Britain.

Published by Safelink Resources

[www.barneyecho.co.uk](http://www.barneyecho.co.uk)

Price: £6.00

ISBN 1756 5324

Published in partnership with Community Initiatives Associates (25 Egerton Street, Chester, CH1 3ND)

- Produced by the Police Community Clubs of Great Britain which is an umbrella body of the CRB.
- The book is designed to be read with young children or as a stand alone for older ones.
- The issues raised are about drugs, tobacco and alcohol and supports citizenship education.
- The story is about some animal friends who are offered drugs which they think are sweets and see needles and broken glass in the grass.
- The book is not frightening or threatening in any way but asks children to think about their response to the potential dangers and literally holds a mirror up to the future.
- These are difficult, but essential, topics to discuss with children and the book provides an easy way into a conversation.
- Parent groups may also be interested in getting hold of copies for their own families.

**‘Let’s Read Together’ DVD** produced by St Paul’s Whitechapel CE Primary School

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- A very helpful DVD made by St Paul’s School, Whitechapel, to encourage parents and children to read at home with lots of practical hints for parents on how to help their children.
- Would be very useful for a parent consultation evening or as a starter for training on reading which could be sent home for parents to look at alone.
- The DVD has a language choice of English or Bengali.
- Highly recommended.

**'Together in One World'** by Jeanne L. Jackson

Price: £16.99

Published by RMEP

ISBN 1 8517 5353 6

- 99 stories, all Assembly length, plus a comment and prayer or reflection.
- Would make an excellent standby when you need something in a hurry.
- Rather like an old fashioned assembly book but with real life stories that are up to date, as well as myths, legends and future tales.
- There are also stories drawn from all the major world faiths.
- The book has 4 main themes – Rights; Respect; Responsibility; and Tolerance. Each theme is then further divided into 3 sections – Ourselves; Ourselves and Others; and Ourselves and the World.
- A very useful collection to support your worship programme.

### **KS2**

**'Into the Bible'**

Price: £8.99

Published by Scripture Union

[www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk)

ISBN 1 8442 7295 2

- 101 routes into the Bible, taking 101 passages and showing how they might be linked up.
- Each passage is followed by a question and nuggets of information.
- A very simple and systematic approach to the Bible.
- The material is probably more appropriate for individual Bible study or for Sunday School, but I think it makes a really good, simple worship resource for a busy Headteacher.

### **KS3**

**'The Man Who Never Forgot: The Story of Simon Wiesenthal'** by Terence Copley

Price: £4.99

Published by RMEP

ISBN 1 8517 5337 6

- Part of the Faith in Action series.
- The book describes how Simon Wiesenthal spent his life tracking down Nazi war criminals and bringing them to justice.
- Each section of the book has a section called 'What do you think?' The questions are extremely challenging and would certainly provoke lively classroom discussion.
- "Things to do" at the end of the book provides an excellent range of ideas that could be used in both RE and Citizenship lessons.

### **KS3 & KS4**

**'Jesus – the last week'** by Mike Anderson

Price: £7.99

Published by Kevin Mayhew

ISBN 1 8400 3829 2

- 15 assemblies for secondary schools based on a series of photocopiable A4 black and white posters which reflect some of the stations of the cross.
- Each assembly starts with one line of text – e.g. 'The crowd shout for Barabbas to be freed'. This is then followed by a brief explanation of how it feels to be deliberately picked on, excluded and abused.
- The same prayer is used everyday – 5 lines from Desmond Tutu.
- Simple but effective format.

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