

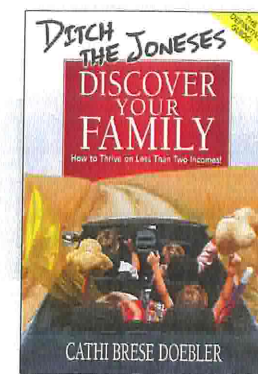
Summer Reading List

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of enjic to kn often t literary many tal teachers & We have to a list of save authors in an offer some add a summer read style. This list cer contain many mor we do hope that you find a book of interes and make a purchase to help support some of our own by a talent.

By Lisa Littlewood

Buffalo Style

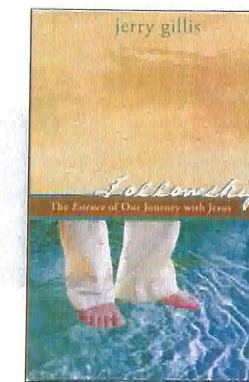


CATHI BRESE DOEBLER

If you've ever wondered if your family could survive on less than two incomes, if you and your spouse have argued about needing to spend less money, or if, quite simply, you're tired of trying to 'keep up with the Joneses' then check out the new book by Cathi Bræes Doebler *Ditch the Joneses and Discover Your Family*. Doebler offer Biblical and practical perspectives on how to save money, live on less, and in the process gain valuable time with your family.

Doebler based the book on workshops she has been teaching on the subject for several years—workshops comprised on techniques she and her husband had found to be successful in their own lives. Dobler says she and her family have found a sense of freedom in striving not to keep up with other families, but to make choices that are best for them. "We have made choices that we feel are best for our family. When you focus your life on God's purpose for you and your family that helps you make decisions about everything," she says. "I'm hoping that this book helps people who feel those demands and want a practical and faith based way to think through some of the most important decisions they'll make for their families."

Doebler's book is available at a number of local Christian bookstores, including the Buffalo Christian Center bookstore and Bender's Parable Bookstore. You can find more information about her book on her web site at www.ditchthe.com. Doebler will be presenting material from her book at Darien Lake's Kingdom Bound on August 4th at 12 p.m.

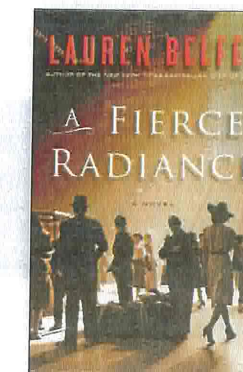


JERRY GILLIS

To a culture that tends to revere leaders, Jerry Gillis' book *Followship* proposes some radical thinking. "Growing up in an age of technological advance and innovation, I assumed that the most notable thing one could aspire to was leadership," says Gillis in his book. "Maybe that is why it is so troubling to me that Jesus wanted me to be a follower."

Gillis is one of the head pastors of The Chapel at Crosspoint in Getzville and the man you'll find preaching (though not behind a podium!) on most Sundays. *Followship*, a book written in 2005, compels readers to consider their own Christian walk and to question how well they are in fact 'following' Christ, rather than attempting to carve their own paths. "Jesus calls for followers- not rock stars or supermen or even leaders. His great call, "Follow Me" implies that He is already the leader and we are to go where He goes and do what He does. This book talks about some of what that looks like," he said.

Gillis is a transplant to Buffalo with southern roots. He is originally from Atlanta, GA and says his favorite thing about Buffalo is the "heartiness of the people." *Followship* can be found in the bookstore at the Chapel at Crosspoint, as well as on Amazon.



LAUREN BELFER

Those who enjoyed Buffalo native Lauren Belfer's novel *City of Light* (a story whose setting is Buffalo in 1901 as preparations are underway for the Pan-American exposition) will be glad to hear that Belfer's second novel *A Fierce Radiance* has just been released.

What Belfer seems to do best is to take historical topics that might seem uninteresting on the surface, delve into them, and return them to us as compelling narratives full of suspense, excitement and emotion.

A Fierce Radiance offers us another strong female protagonist, Claire Shipley. Shipley is a photojournalist for LIFE magazine who is assigned to cover scientists at the Rockefeller Institute in the process of developing penicillin. When we learn that Shipley's own young daughter was killed by this 'miracle' medicine her assignment becomes even more personal. *A Fierce Radiance* has been described as "at once a thriller, love story, family saga and a window into American history, evoking the pure essence of war-time New York [City]."

Belfer, who grew up in Buffalo and attended Buffalo Seminary, now lives in New York City but frequently visits family here. Native Buffalonians may be most interested to hear that Belfer still has an affinity for roast beef on weck, loves to visit Talking Leaves Bookstore and meander down Elmwood Avenue when she returns to town.

