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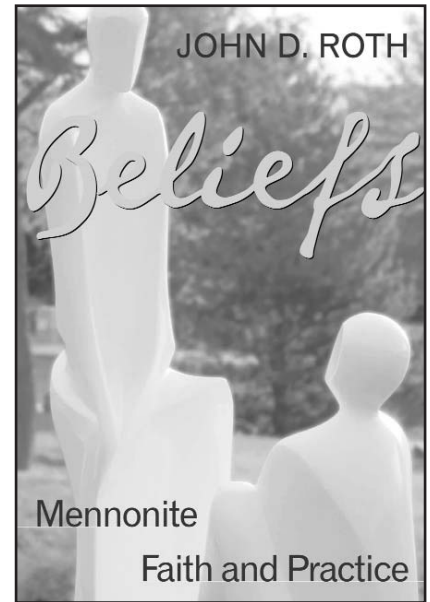
John D. Roth

Ask any person randomly on the sidewalk what they know about the Mennonites and chances are their answer will include Mormons, black clothes and buggies, or general confusion. This short, engaging book gives a brief account of what Mennonites believe. From the beginnings of the Anabaptist (or Mennonite) movement in the 16th-century, to biblical interpretation, baptism, understandings of the church, ethics, and the complex question of denominationalism, **John D. Roth** provides a solid framework for on-going conversations about faithful discipleship in the Mennonite church today.

“Roth has a knack of communicating simply and clearly without becoming simplistic. He surveys core elements of Anabaptist/Mennonite perspectives on theology, ecclesiology, and discipleship.”

—*Anabaptism Today*

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The Dogmatic Imagination

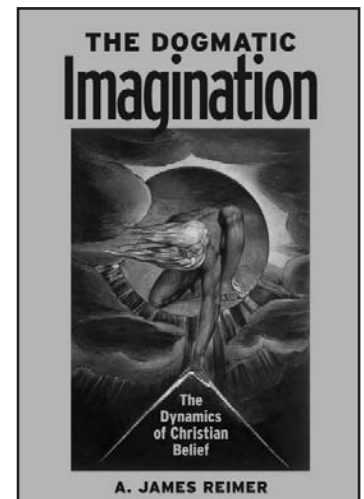
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A. James Reimer

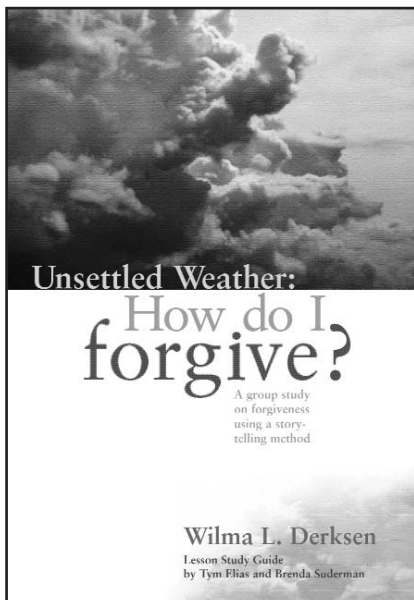
“Reimer’s book covers the central dogmas of the Christian faith: the Bible, the Spirit, God the Father, Jesus, Salvation, the church, baptism, prayer. In all, he covers 21 different topics, followed by three additional meditations. Reimer’s book is clearly written and engaging for those already familiar with the Christian faith and the Mennonite church. While he covers ‘the basics,’ Reimer doesn’t cover them in a basic way. His book is more exposition, more provocative than definitive answer. For those looking for a discussion of Christian beliefs with a Mennonite twist, this is a concise and interesting treatment.”

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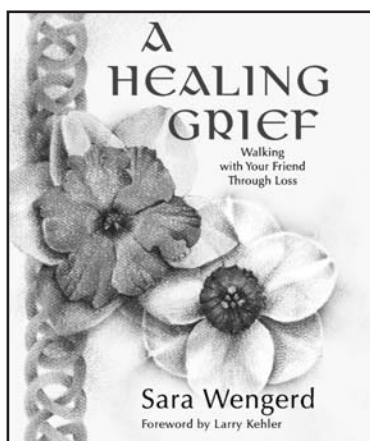
Wilma Derksen

When Wilma and Cliff Derksens' daughter was killed in 1984, they chose the word "forgiveness," hoping it would somehow spare them the horrors of the aftermath of violence and the ensnaring justice issues. But Wilma confesses: "I soon came to resent anyone who said: 'Just forgive' as if it were that easy."

Later she joined a support group of other parents of murdered children where it became obvious that forgiveness was considered an "F" word. Since, she has teamed with Sunday school teachers, pastors, and counselors in the Winnipeg, Manitoba, area to explore how storytelling can become a method and the message of moving toward forgiveness of others.

In this study guide **Wilma Derksen**, **Tym Elias**, and **Brenda Suderman** share a seven-session tested approach on storytelling. This is a vital resource for persons in classes, study groups, and congregations who wish to take steps toward forgiveness. Paper, 95 pages, 0-8361-9299-0: \$9.99; in Canada \$12.49

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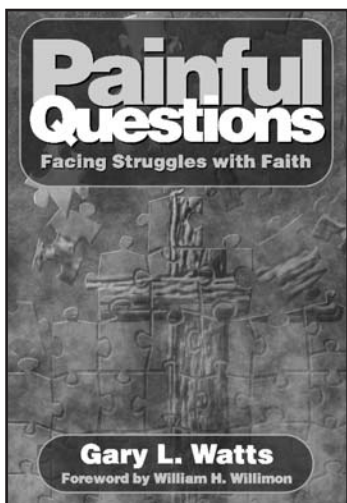
Walking with Your Friend Through Loss

Sara Wengerd

"This is one of the most helpful books I have seen on grieving and helping someone through loss. The book is divided into seven chapters, based on the length of time that has passed from the death—from the first day to past the second year. Wengerd recounts her response to the premature death of her husband and then helpfully supplies ideas that anyone can use to respond to someone in grief. Most important is your presence, not words. A book everyone should read, now to help someone, and later when going through a loss themselves."

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Gary Watts

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