

"Enrique's Journey,"
by Sonia Nazario

Chronicling a young boy's journey from a poverty-stricken area of Honduras to the United States in search of his mother, this book is special to me because the plight of the mother reminds me of the struggles of women I've collaborated with over the years, working to prevent domestic violence.

Rachel Rodriguez
Assistant professor
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"The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren

When life gets too hectic, too busy and difficult to keep up with, the ideas in this book bring me back to what we're really here for: not making six-figure salaries, having the biggest home or nicest cars. It's about life's lessons and what we accomplish — not for ourselves, but for others.

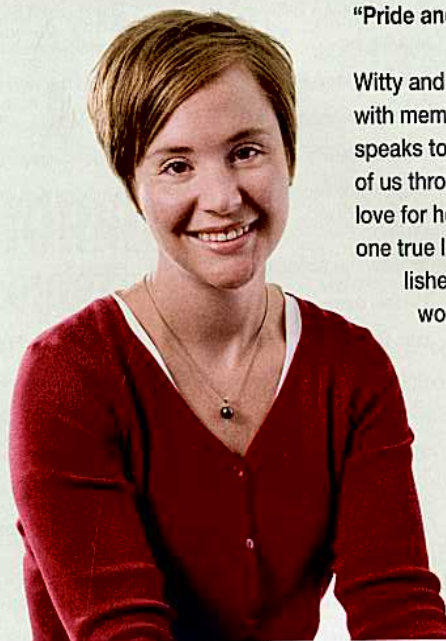
Jill Mathison
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"Pride and Prejudice," by Jane Austen

Witty and timeless, this novel is filled with memorable female characters and speaks to the hopeless romantic in all of us through a woman's exploration of love for herself, for her family and her one true love. Written in 1797 and published in 1813, it still appeals to women of all ages today.

Tracy Marks-Geib
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What's one book you think every woman should read in her lifetime?

"The Art of Happiness," by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler

This book encourages me to look within myself for a deeper meaning in life. It presents happiness as a life choice and I've learned that keeping an optimistic outlook will create a more peaceful environment for those who surround you.

Shelly Sprinkman
Realtor
Restaino & Associates
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"Games Mother Never Taught You: Corporate Gamesmanship for Women," by Betty Lehan Harragan

When I started my career, I was confident in my professional skills but lacked an understanding of the "hidden rules." This book was helpful in providing background in corporate protocol. My favorite part is how to deal with a request to retrieve coffee for a meeting.

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