



Everything for a Dog

by **Ann M. Martin**
reviewed by **Sonya VanderVeen Feddema**

Three lives—a stray dog named Bone, a boy named Charlie who suffers two painful losses, and Henry, a lonely boy who wants a dog more than anything else—are masterfully woven together in this juvenile novel, which movingly portrays the healing role dogs play in people’s lives. Author Ann Martin hopefully, sensitively, and age-appropriately deals with the theme of loss in its different manifestations—aging, death, separation, depression, and loneliness. (Feiwel and Friends)

The Life of the World to Come

by **The Mountain Goats**
reviewed by **Elizabeth Gonzalez**

The Life of the World to Come is a curious tour through singer-songwriter John Darnielle’s own troubled life as told in the context of well-loved stories. These songs don’t shy away from the moments when God is silent, as with Rachel and Jacob in “Genesis 30:3,” or when the future is uncertain, as in “Deuteronomy 2:10.” With a near-encyclopedic knowledge of the Bible as the backbone, the Mountain Goats create a collection that, as diverse as the book it draws its titles from, depicts mercy in the midst of chaos. (4ad Records)



Lost Channels

by **Great Lake Swimmers**
reviewed by **Ron DeBoer**



The Great Lake Swimmers’ latest album is what is referred to as an “atmospheric creation.” *Lost Channels* continues a tradition of recording music in isolated places. The band traveled to the Thousand Islands region of

Ontario and was inspired by the mystery and history of the area. Lead singer Tony Dekker’s ethereal voice is perfect for this project. The hypnotic sound of “She Comes to Me in Dreams,” “River’s Edge,” and “Still” is like nighttime waves singing hauntingly against the groaning hull of a docked ship. (Netzwerk Records)

Green Revolution: Coming Together to Care for Creation

by **Ben Lowe**
reviewed by **Robert N. Hosack**



Ben Lowe
Foreword by Shane Claiborne

Environmental evangelist and activist Ben Lowe, a 20-something recent Wheaton College grad, presents an informative and inspirational case for Christian involvement in climate change and creation care issues. Sharing real-life stories from churches, communities, and particularly Christian college campuses, along with plentiful research case studies, the author shows how we can make a big difference when we all work together. Lowe issues an impassioned call for an “incarnational earthcare.” Particularly relevant to youth groups and college students wanting to go green. (InterVarsity Press)

THE LOWDOWN



It’s History:

Carole Boston Weatherford teams up with

illustrator Tim Ladwig for a picture book called *The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights*. (Eerd-mans)



Washed Up:

The next Disney nature film hits theaters this month. *Oceans* is in the tradition

of *Earth*, except it’s about—you guessed it—oceans.



Rapturous Reading:

The main character in the novel *Mercury Falls* by Robert Kroese is

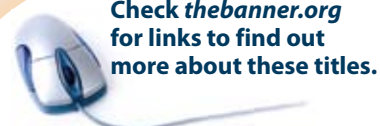
a journalist jaded by “years of covering the antics of End Times cults for *The Banner*, a religious news magazine.” Don’t be left behind. (St. Culain Press)



Gotcha Covered:

Band Angels bandages look like Band-Aids with

a twist—the bandages feature cartoon angels and one of three Bible verses for your little cherub. Available at BandAngels.net.



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