

the women emerge as strong individuals who use whatever means are at their disposal to achieve what they consider to be the best possible results. This innovative treatment of a very contemporary issue is highly recommended.

**David Kossoff, *The Old and the New Bible Stories Retold*.** Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003. Pages, 397. Paper, \$15.00.

Kossoff, a well-known British raconteur, was invited by the BBC to tell a story from the Bible. The success of this venture resulted in his own program out of which he developed a collection of "public tellings." Ninety selections from his Old Testament narrations were published in 1968 and forty from the New Testament in 1971. The present volume is a combination of these previous works. Some are first-person reports; others are third-person accounts. They are all fast moving and engaging, the kind of stories that can be read to children. These are Bible stories at their best.

**Edward S. Little, *Ears to Hear: Recognizing and Responding to God's Call*.** Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Morehouse (A Continuum Imprint), 2003. Pages, 154. Paper, \$15.95.

The book was written as a guide to help ordinary people discover the call of God in their lives. Little leads them through sixteen passages from the Old Testament that recount how people in the biblical stories perceived and responded to God's call. Unfortunately, Deborah and Esther are the only women included, demonstrating the author's bias. Because of this, women readers may not recognize the value of their experience, and men may not appreciate the call that God extends to women. Each chapter begins with a short description of some contemporary situation. The content of the biblical passage is then introduced. Questions for discussion at the end of each chapter help the reader make connections with real life. The book is meant to deepen the reader's appreciation of God's continued call throughout life. It can certainly accomplish this, despite its limited scope.

**Michael S. Moore, *Faith Under Pressure: A Study of Biblical Leaders in Conflict*.** Siloam Springs, Arizona: Leafwood, 2003. Pages, 360. Paper, \$19.95.

Moore's pastoral experience has brought him to question the appropriateness of a way of reading the Bible that is either exclusively historical or literary. His method is both intertextual—a nonbiblical comparative approach—and intratextual—a reading within biblical books. He examines leadership in the books of Kings. The pressures that interest him include injustice, subversion, violence, famine, the challenge posed by foreigners, and the demands made by God. Throughout the book, he incorporates brief theological reflections in which he relates his findings with current concerns. The footnotes testify to the careful research done by the author. However, this is definitely a user-friendly book, one that would be a good supplement text to a more critical commentary.

**Walter Vogels, *Becoming Fully Human: Living the Bible with God, Each Other and the Environment*.** Toronto: Novalis, 2003. Pages, 152. Paper, \$12.95.