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Orchard's "A fool and his Monet: A Serena Jones mystery" (Book Review)

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Orchard, S. (2016). *A fool and his Monet: A Serena Jones mystery*. Grand Rapids, MI: Revell. 334 pp. \$14.99 ISBN 9780800726713

For those of us who enjoy our mysteries with a side of humor, Sandra Orchard has provided very enjoyable entertainment. Sandra Orchard has been writing award winning Christian fiction. This Serena Jones mystery is the first novel in this series. Serena Jones is a new FBI agent working with the Art Crime Team. Serena has a cat, which doesn't hunt mice; a mother, who worries about Serena's safety; a best friend, Zoe, who happens to be the head of security at a local art museum; a uniquely talented older aunt; and two single men in her life who would like to be more than acquaintances. Readers of the Stephanie Plum detective series by Janet Evanovich will enjoy Aunt Martha. Serena is asked to quietly investigate a recent art theft. Of course, "quietly" doesn't happen. Sandra Orchard throws us several tempting red herrings and some dangerous situations, along with inside information about thefts of art works. If your library offers leisurely reading, this is an excellent choice.

Reviewer

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Paicardo, R. (2016). *Funding ministry with five loaves and two fishes*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press. 124 pp. ISBN 9781501818929

This checklist of practical ways to increase church ministry funding will appeal to pastors, church planters, and lay leaders in churches across the United States and Canada.

Many churches are presently struggling financially to make ends meet. This book inspires ideas and sparks solutions to some outreach and ministry related concerns.

Well researched, there is a comprehensive bibliography attached to each chapter. The introduction laments that pastors are often not taught budgeting principles, which means they may not be adequately equipped to deal with this issue of shrinking operational and ministry resources.

The chapter entitled, "Why So Hungry?" focuses on the issue of debt, not only for families and individuals but also for churches.

The second chapter, entitled "Mission Drives Ministry," reinforces the need for the church to be mission-minded.