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Kyle's "The girl's guide to life" (Book Review)

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where Liele was sent as a missionary. The result is a rich collection regarding the evolution of Liele as a person, pastor, preacher, and theologian. This volume adds a diversity of thought and experience to the history of what we now term “American Evangelicalism”, recognizing that American religious history is not the sole purview of Jonathan Edwards or George Whitfield, but that history also belongs to these “everyman” preachers from all walks of life who influenced their denomination and their communities. This collection of essays about the life, ministry, and impact of a slave-turned-ordained minister in colonial America should be in every academic library. This work is highly recommended.

Reviewer

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Kyle, S. (2015). *The girl's guide to life*. Carson, CA: RoseKidz. 192 pp. \$10.99. ISBN 9781584111498.

The Girl's Guide to Life is one book among nearly a dozen in the *Girl's Guide* series about friendship, faith, family relationships, fashion, and decorating. It is partially a devotional and partially an activity book. It is designed for pre-teen girls, and is reminiscent of the style of *American Girl* magazine. Each chapter contains an opening narrative of one fictitious girl's dilemma, followed by questions about the narrative. If that were the only thing contained in each chapter, one might classify this as a devotional book. But after the initial narrative, the first chapter includes a craft project, a section about goals and time management, a set of random fun facts (for instance: “It's physically impossible to lick your elbow” p. 17), a scripture memorization exercise, a journaling and prayer exercise, another craft, and a concluding prayer. Each chapter has some common elements such as the narrative, a short Bible study, and a craft, but beyond that each chapter is a bit different. In one chapter, the activity might involve asking parents and grandparents about their lives and heritage. In another chapter, there might be a quiz about personality or about various friendship scenarios. Though this may not be appropriate for a library due to the temptation for patrons to fill in their own answers, this may be a great gift for a pre-teen girl. More than a devotional book, *The Girl's Guide to Life* holistically incorporates devotional elements into wide-ranging topics from money management to healthy lifestyle choices, and from relationships with parents to challenging issues with friends.

Reviewer

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