Hungry for More: Fans of The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins eagerly await the third installment of the trilogy, Mockingjay, due out this month. In these layered, moral, and culturally relevant young adult novels, an oppressive, futuristic government forces young people to participate in a violent reality show. (Scholastic)

No Greater Love reviewed by Ron DeBoer

After the birth of her son, Heather falls into a deep depression and one day vanishes from the lives of her husband, Jeff, and their child. Ten years later, Jeff, on the verge of proposing to his new fiancée, unexpectedly finds Heather, now volunteering for a church’s vacation Bible school. Although the plotline contains plausibility gaps that help move the story, No Greater Love is a film about forgiveness and grace that the whole family can watch together. (Lionsgate)

The Emperor’s Army: A Mathematical Adventure
by Virginia Walton Pilegard reviewed by Sonya VanderVeen Feddema

During the rule of China’s first emperor, a scholar and his son flee to a cave when their lives and those of other artists are threatened. While there, the boy studies math. Sent on an errand, he discovers a pit for the excavation of clay and a prison camp where artists create life-size clay statues of soldiers. Later the boy’s mathematical knowledge leads to the discovery of a terracotta army complete with weapons, which are used to rebel against the despotic dynasty. Based on the 1974 discovery of China’s terracotta army, this exquisitely illustrated picture book effectively blends the disciplines of history and mathematics. Ages 4-8. (Pelican)

Hate List
by Jennifer Brown reviewed by Kathryn Hoffman

Valerie penned her private hate list after her classmates began to call her “Sister Death.” When her boyfriend uses the list to select his victims in a Columbine-style massacre, Valerie is shot in the leg as she shields a classmate. She is seen as both an accomplice and a victim. Now Valerie must return to school and navigate the twisted anger and gratitude of her family and peers. Hate List is a realistic tale of redemption, filled with sorrow, spilling over with grace. For high-school-age readers and up. (Little, Brown)

Preaching from Memory to Hope
by Thomas G. Long reviewed by Wayne Brouwer

We all make judgments about preaching. In this book, Long gives helpful reflections about both preaching well and listening well. He believes narrative preaching can be made better without becoming mere religious-entertainment-by-way-of-storytelling, and he provides a meaningful guideline: 1) interpret my story 2) in light of the biblical story 3) as it illumines the eschatological story of what God is drawing us toward. Long also shows how much of our desire for relevant preaching undermines the true hope of biblical engagement. Great book. (Westminster John Knox)

Something Fishy: The Fish, at www.thefish.com, offers opinion and commentary on pop culture from a Christian perspective—a great resource for teens and adults, including parents who want more information on popular entertainment.

Still Singing: Be Still and Know is a new CD filled with songs for Children and Worship, giving children a chance to sing worship songs anytime. (Faith Alive)

Gotta Get It: Gregory L. Jantz explores our desire for more than we need in his book Gotta Have It! Freedom from Wanting Everything Right Here, Right Now. (David C. Cook)