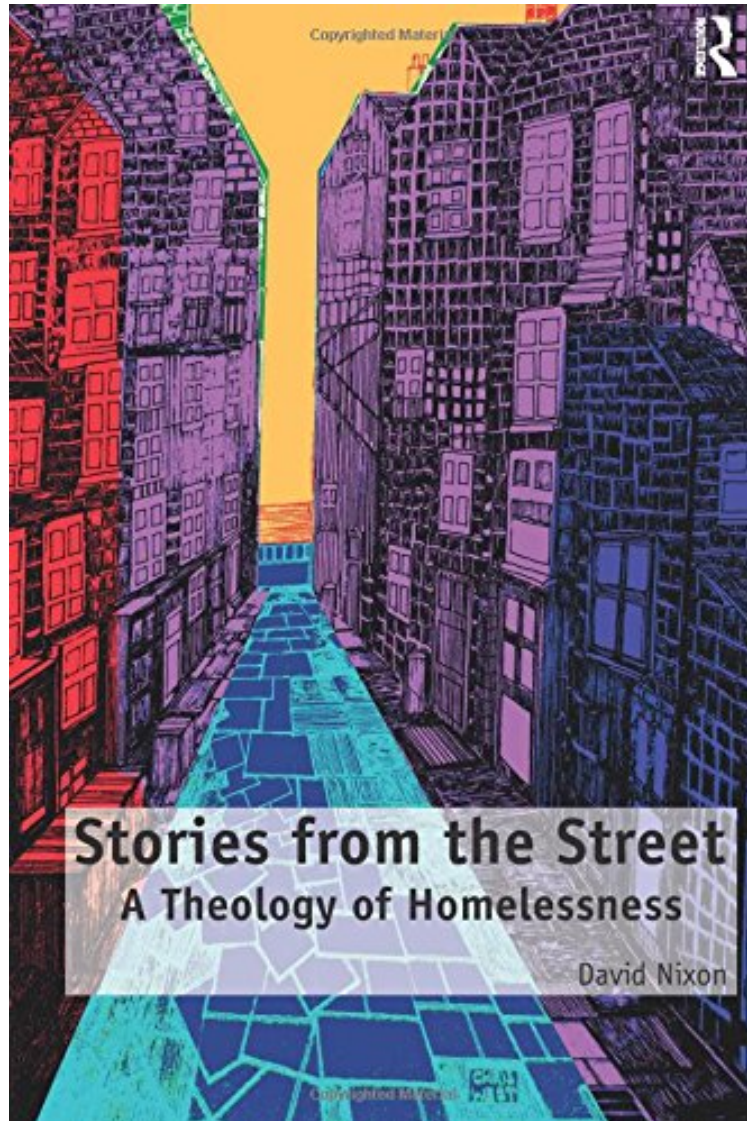


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Stories from the Street is a theological exploration of interviews with men and women who had experienced homelessness at some stage in their lives. Framed within a theology of story and a theology of liberation, Nixon

suggests that story is not only a vehicle for creating human transformation but it is one of God's chosen means of effecting change. Short biographies of twelve characters are examined under themes including: crises in health and relationships, self-harm and suicide, anger and pain, God and the Bible. Expanding the existing literature of contextual theology, this book provides an alternative focus to a church-shaped mission by advocating with, and for, a very marginal group; suggesting that their experiences have much to teach the church. Churches are perceived as being active in terms of pastoral work, but reluctant to ask more profound questions about why homelessness exists at all. A theology of homelessness suggests not just a God of the homeless, but a homeless God, who shares stories and provides hope. Engaging with contemporary political and cultural debates about poverty, housing and public spending, Nixon presents a unique theological exploration of homeless people, suffering, hope and the human condition.

For any person, homelessness is complex and never a single issue. David Nixon has listened and analysed people's stories and made good sense from them. His wise and insightful use of their stories and his analysis is the best sort of Practical Theology from which we can all learn. It will help Christians meet and respond to the needs of homeless people.

Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, UK
This is a fascinating and important study. It is an exercise in listening to the voices of those who are rarely heard. Written with clarity and elegance, it is a life-changing exploration of the narratives of faith and the journey of life. This is a pioneering text, which will interest American scholars who are seeking to connect a liberationist perspective with the journeys of those who struggle in a prosperous nation. There is nothing quite like this remarkable book! Very Revd Dr Ian Markham, Virginia Theological Seminary, USA
What sense can Christians make of the experience of homelessness? Listening to homeless people's stories David Nixon invites us to understand them in the light of Scripture and of the ongoing Christian call for social justice. What emerges is a chapter in British liberation theology which calls us not simply to empathise but to change the way we think about homelessness. Professor Tim Gorrige, University of Exeter, UK
Stories from the Street not only provides a fascinating insight into the lives of people who are often overlooked, but understands that they also have a contribution to make. The theological reflections should remind the Church about where its real focus lies - not just in caring for the dispossessed but in questioning why they are dispossessed in the first place. Ben Bradshaw, MP
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