

## **Discernment Stories from Women and People of Color**

*Sometimes a “how to” book is the best kind of resource to aid in a young person’s discernment of call or vocation. In some cases, though, especially with young women or people of color who have been historically prevented from pursuing some career paths, it may be more helpful to provide concrete examples of vocational success stories that encourage one to “think big” about vocation. The five books listed below tell inspirational stories of the vocational struggles, challenges, and eventual successes experienced by women and people of color as they live out their callings in amazing ways.*

***Grace in Motion: The intersection of Women’s Ordination and Virginia Theological Seminary* / Judith Maxwell McDaniel, 2011**

[http://www.amazon.com/Grace-Motion-Intersection-Ordination-Theological/dp/0983178542/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1452801883](http://www.amazon.com/Grace-Motion-Intersection-Ordination-Theological/dp/0983178542/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1452801883)

***No Turning Back: The Black Presence at Virginia Theological Seminary* / Joseph Constant, 2009**

[http://www.amazon.com/No-Turning-Back-Presence-Theological/dp/0981976611/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1452802090](http://www.amazon.com/No-Turning-Back-Presence-Theological/dp/0981976611/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1452802090)

***Composing a Life* / Mary Catherine Bateson, 1989, 2001**

<http://www.groveatlantic.com/#page=isbn9780802138040-praise>

***Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement* / Barbara Ransby, 2003**

[http://uncpress.unc.edu/browse/book\\_detail?title\\_id=270](http://uncpress.unc.edu/browse/book_detail?title_id=270)

***Mystics, Visionaries, and Prophets: A Historical Anthology of Women's Spiritual Writings* / Shawn Madigan, 1998**

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/2455/Mystics-Visionaries-and-Prophets-A-Historical-Anthology-of-Women-Spiritual-Writings?c=285662>