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This revised edition continues to walk both experienced Bible readers and those seeking it out for the first time through a chronological, story-by-story and person-by-person experience. Complete with maps of journeys and explanations of the acts and epistles, this book includes: The journeys of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses, and the law from Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel and Kings, including David and Goliath, Gideon and Samson, and King Solomon. The captives, the women, the poets, the prophets and more through the Old Testament. The story of Jesus as told in the four Gospels. The acts of the Apostles as they spread the word of the new church; the letters from Peter, Paul, James, John and Jude on a variety of topics, and John's apocalyptic Revelation; The Apocrypha including Maccabees 1 and 2 along with other books included for other practices. An all-new reference glossary featuring names and places with descriptions and cross-references to their discussion in the Bible.

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Debra67 says

I loved this book -it was more like a textbook than a casual read as I am in the process of reading about God and Jesus.

This broke down all the stories and characters for me

Alice says

I actually really liked this book. It was a Reader' Digest-esque summary of the Old and New Testament, as well as the Apocrypha. It made the chronology of events easier for me to understand. Also, the different familial relationships were easier to understand.

Destiny says

This book is a great resource while reading the Bible.

Charles says

Good overview.

Nicole says

Wanted to get a quick review of the Bible since I'm too lazy and uninspired to read it myself. And now I realize that I should probably just read it myself. Sigh.

Amber says

Great overview of the whole Bible.

De says

Had to learn these stories sometime. It's pretty interesting and gives some new insight in the old stories you've heard time and time again. Alternating between this and The Bean Trees.

Crystal says

i thoroughly enjoyed reading this and getting a quick idea of everything in the bible. it was great to familiarize myself with this guide so i can now dive into my bible.

Rachael McClain says

That is right, I actually bought this book, read it, loved it, and am not ashamed to admit it. I have never really had a good grasp on religion and found myself taking a World religions class in college. In the middle of my panic attack, over the class, I ran to the book store for help. I laughed at myself for grabbing this book off the shelf but promptly read it when I got home. The book explains the bible in a way that made sense to me, so much that I finished my class with an "A" and have been able to hold my own in bible conversations among friends.

Linda says

Great Biblical reference!

Donna says

I just finished reading the entire Bible, and this was an invaluable resource. The authors have a good sense of humor. Even though they admit they come from a more conservative background, they say they also had input from more progressive Christians and Jews. I'm more progressive, and I can say they achieved the inclusiveness they sought. If you aren't ready to tackle the Bible yet, reading this book on its own is a great education. It's very readable and not at all intimidating. I also appreciated the list of other resources at the end, and some of them are going on my to-read list.

Tina Thompson says

Not a fan of the title but this is just what I was hoping for. Great at explaining the different versions of the bible and the history of the bible. Then tells the stories of the bible in a very fun and readable way. It recommends reading the guide then reading the bible along with the guide. Definitely makes reading the bible not such a daunting task.

Wendy says

There's a lot of info here, but it's hard to make sense of it in a bigger picture context. Plus the stories don't really make a lot of sense, especially when communicated in the style of "she did this, he did that," pretty

basic stuff. I liked the first few chapters of Genesis, but after that I lost interest and it was a bit of a chore to slog thru... I didn't even make it to the New Testament. I guess the reader is supposed to accept the stories hook, line & sinker, however, I never knew the Bible was so fantastica.... "a thousand arrows of fire fell from the sky". Just like that. The Israelites were chased into and out of Judea/Canaan so many times I never knew exactly where they were, not to mention the books of the Bible cross over in time so its hard to keep track of what's happening when. Hopefully the Bible itself is a little more clear.

I'm still interested in being educated in biblical lore. I just think maybe a book with a little more substance and thought as to what it all means would be better for me.

Javier says

Let's face it with out this book The Bible wouldn't make sense to me.

Brenda says

Very good book for use as assistance with working your way through the Bible. I used it for working my way through the Book of Revelation and it helped me to understand that book much better. It breaks the Bible down into sections and paraphrases the books for better understanding.
