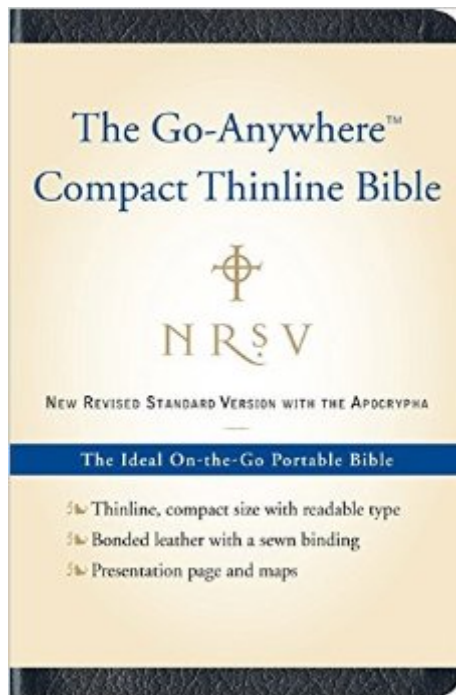


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This is about as good as it gets for Compact Thinline Bibles. I'm going to keep the focus of this review on this book itself, so I'm not going to say much about the merits of this particular translation. I'm just going to say that the NRSV bible translation is very well regarded and is the preferred English translation of many, if not most, academic Biblical scholars. The most important thing of any book is the readability of the type. This is a compact bible, so small fonts come with the territory. I don't know for sure, but comparing it to my ESV Deluxe Compact Bible, the size looks to be around 6.5. I don't know what font specifically it's set in, but I like it, especially because it doesn't look too crowded on the page. They gave a little extra space in between the lines so your eyes can see the page more easily. Also, while there is some "bleed-through" or "shadowing" of the text between the pages, it is not so bad and is a lot better than some of the other thinline and compact bibles I've seen. The print is a touch on the light side, but overall, it's really well done. I wouldn't recommend this for long bouts of reading, but if you are looking for a bible you can leave in your bag in case you need to look something up, or if you need to read it on the bus, this is a good one. As far as the content goes, this book contains the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament and the

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