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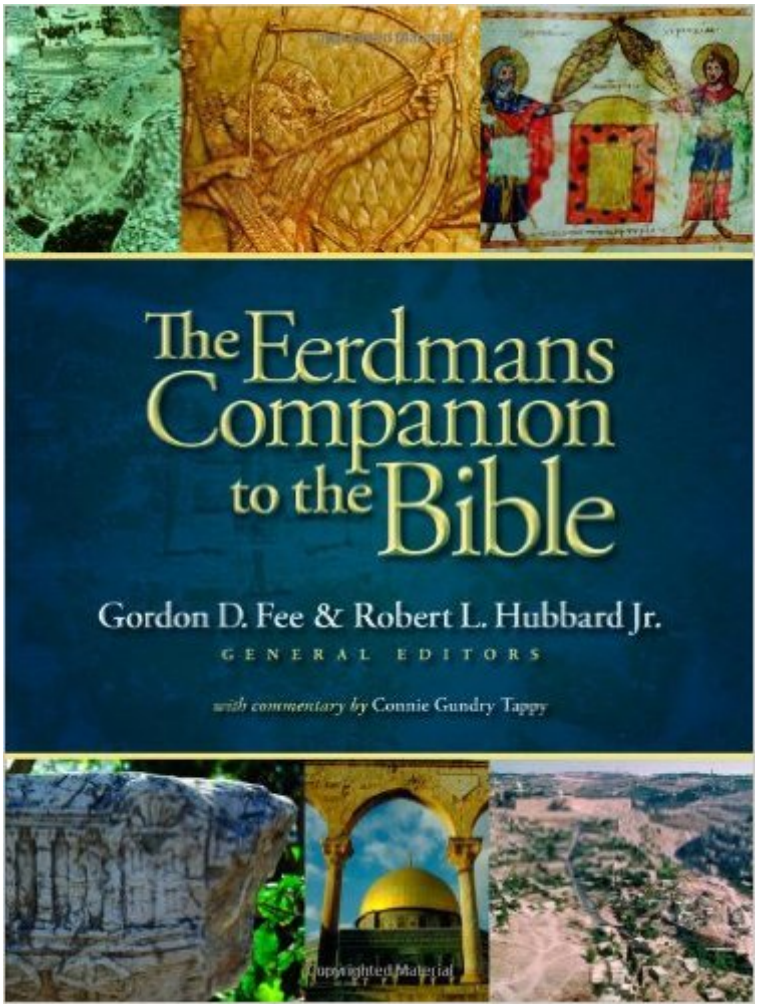

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Synopsis

A quality guidebook that opens up new vistas and insights into the whole BibleMarked by a broad evangelical perspective, up-to-date research, and contributions from respected biblical scholars, The Eerdmans Companion to the Bible offers a reliable and illuminating guide to the entire Bible. Whether readers find the Bible familiar or foreign, they will appreciate the Companionâ ™s informative articles and its commentary by Connie Gundry Tappy on all of the Old and New Testament books. This comprehensive reference work promises to make the Word of God come alive as never before.Compiled by some of the foremost biblical scholars in the world todayNew articles by sixty expert authors on many pertinent biblical topicsWell-written background information and commentary on every book of the BibleIllustrated with maps, photos, and charts throughout

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Sometimes the Bible is confusing. Separated by both time and geography as we are can make understanding the Bible difficult. It was written in foreign languages by people from ancient and foreign cultures with a very distinct way of viewing the world and understanding history. But, it is meant to be understood and cherished. Sometimes we just need help.Eerdmans has published their "Eerdmans Companion to the Bible" to help new believers and those who just want to learn more. It walks the line between commentary and Bible handbook. It is organized by book of the Bible and treats issues of authorship, date and major themes in turn. It, then, provides a succinct commentary

of each book of the Bible that provides a helpful summary of each major section.In addition to the commentary are occasional articles written by well-known and respected scholars. These articles are meant to illuminate some confusing or unknown elements in Scripture. For example, there are articles on the Canaanites or the interpretation of Song of Solomon. These aid the reader by providing an opportunity to go deeper in their understanding. Also, there are very helpful maps and diagrams.Before, after and in between Testaments there are articles which serve to explain issues "above" the text of Scripture. There are treatments of Judaism in Israel during the New Testament period, textual criticism, the canon, etc. Each is written by an accomplish scholar."The Eerdmans Companion to the Bible" is a helpful resource for the lay-person. It is easy to understand and its organization along the order of the English Bible will feel natural for English readers. The commentary is helpful without being technical or reductionistic. It provides a welcome summary of each major section of Scripture which will serve like a well-drawn map for readers as they venture through the Scriptures. All in all this is a great resource for the average Christian who just needs a little help reading their Bible.NOTE: In accordance with the regulations of the Federal Trade Commission I would like to state that I received a complementary copy of the aforementioned text for the purposes of review. I was not required to furnish a positive review.

I have always liked Bible Handbooks, they’re the next book most Bible students (of any age) should buy after the Bible itself. This is the best Bible Handbook I’ve ever seen. It’s Seminary/Graduate level in depth. It has no discernible doctrinal bias; not too Baptist, not too reformed, not too anything. It presents multiple schools of interpretation, without apology. It explains cultural subtext lost on the modern reader. The articles explain Biblical concepts in context to both audience relevance, and modern scientific understanding. In short it’s very impressive. This volume is appropriate for several groups of readers: The serious adult student, Church teachers, indigenous Pastor training, etc.

A friend was missing a copy of the pre book that she had lost, so when I discovered that they had updated it, i thought it would make the perfect gift. I was correct. The maps and photos of the holy land are exquisite, just like the one we remember. The commentary remains true and is an excellent companion to your Bible studies. A Great price, as well.

I was very surprised by this book. It has so much information and is easy to read. It makes sense of the time, place, cultures, and dates of written works in the bible. It answered questions I had for a long time about the bible and many questions I didn’t know I had. It’s a must have for anyone with

any interest in historical text.

Although this is a great guide, I love my older one better, at least that has color photos. This is still a great guide, but it's to bland now. Should have kept the color photos.

This book is really great for historical background in the bible, alternative perspectives, and other interesting topics related to bible interpretation. It's very interesting.

Very very helpful!

This would be a great addition to any real book or library... There is great insight on every page... make a great gift also

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