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How the Bible has been read through the ages

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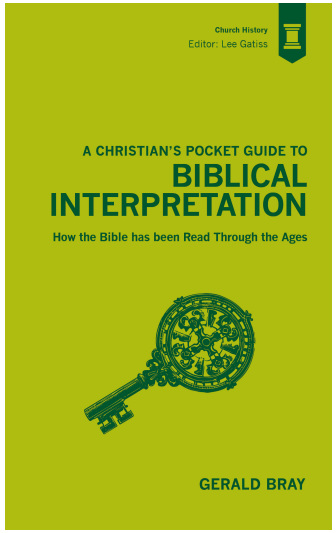

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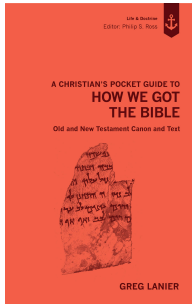

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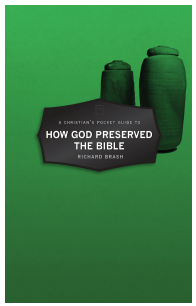

DESCRIPTION

Unlock the Story of How Christians Have Read the Bible Through the Ages

Discover *A Christian's Pocket Guide to Biblical Interpretation*—a clear, engaging, and accessible journey through the remarkable history of how God's people have understood Scripture from ancient times to today. In this concise and insightful guide, renowned scholar Gerald Bray traces the formation of the Bible, the interpretive patterns of the early church, the creativity and complexity of medieval readers, and the transformative impact of the Reformation and modern scholarship.

Perfect for everyday Christians, church leaders, and anyone eager to deepen their confidence in Scripture, this book shows how the Bible has been treasured, questioned, cherished, and explained across centuries, revealing why faithful interpretation still matters today.

Discover:

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- **Why medieval interpretation shaped Western Christianity**
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- **What modern readers can learn from ancient debates**
- **Clear guidance on reading Scripture faithfully today**

AUTHOR

Gerald Bray is a Research Professor at Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He is an internationally respected theologian with a reputation for clear thinking and incisive logic.

ENDORSEMENTS

Gerald Bray's highly accessible introduction to the history of biblical interpretation covers past and present interpretative methods in their own contexts. It should prove to be of great help to ministers and students but many others will benefit from it too. Moreover, for those who want to pursue the subject further there is a guide to additional reading.

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Combining deep scholarship with remarkable clarity, Bray shows how past generations have understood Scripture and why those debates still matter today. An ideal and accessible starting point for anyone who wants to read the Bible more thoughtfully and appreciate the rich heritage of Christian interpretation.

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