

HOW TO PICK A GOOD BOOK

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Introduction:

- Proverbs 1:5 Let the wise listen and add to their in learning, and the discerning get guidance.
- Ephesians 4 : 11-14
- We are counseled to understand and live through books. So it is important that we discern good books.
- Every book has clues as to what kind of content is in the book and whether it reflects the Bible and should be used to shape your life.

1. Publisher

Reformed, mixed, non-reformed, secular

2. Author

Are they an authority on the subject?

What is the author's background?

- Experience (work)
- Education (seminary)
- Denomination affiliation

3. Recommendations

Who recommends it?

- People who are authorities
- People who wrote book you would read

4. Bibliography

What authors influenced the writing of this book?

5. Use of Scripture

Is it used at all?

Is the book's premise based on scripture or a philosophical (an idea)?

What translation(s) are used? (See the copyright page for the translation used in book)

- Solid translations used for interpretation
- Modern/culturally-drive translations or paraphrases
(New Living Bible, New Century Bible, Today's English Version, & The Message)

Trustworthy Resources

Seminaries

Covenant Theological Seminary
Calvin Theological Seminary
Erskine Theological Seminary
Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Gordon-Conwell theological Seminary (50/50)
Knox Theological Seminary
Mid-America Reformed Seminary
Northwest Theological Seminary
Protestant Reformed Theological Seminary
Puritan Reformed Seminary
Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Reformed Theological Seminary
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Trinity Theological Seminary (50/50)
Western Reformed Seminary
Westminster Theological Seminary
Westminster Seminary California
Whitefield Theological Seminary

Publishers

Baker
Banner of Truth
Crossway
Eerdmans
IVP (Intervarsity Press)
Moody
P&R (Presbyterian & Reformed)

Translations

English Standard Bible
New American Standard Bible
Revised Standard Bible
New International Version
New King James Version

AUTHORS

Allender, Dan	Hunt, Susan	Pratt, Richard
Berkhof, Louis	Keller, Tim	Rainer, Thom
Boise, James	Kuyper, Abraham	Riddlebarger, Kim
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich	Lewis, C.S.	Ryken, Phillip
Bridges, Jerry	Longman, Tremper	Schaeffer, Francis
Brown, Steve	MacDonald, Gordon	Sproul, R.C. Bruce, F.F
Carson, D.A.	Meade, Starr	Spurgeon, Charles
Chapell, Bryan	Metzger, Will	Stott, John
Clowney, Edmund	Miller, C. John	Tripp, Paul
Coleman, Robert	Miller, Paul	Veith, Gene
Dever, Mark	Miller, Rose Marie	Warfield, B.B.
Driscoll, Mark	Mohler, Al	Wells, David
Edwards, Jonathan	Morris, Leon	Waltke, Bruce
Frame, John	Newbigin, Lesslie	Welch, Edward
Ferguson, Sinclair	Packer, J.I.	
Horton, Michael	Pearsey, Nancy	
Grudem, Wayne	Peterson, Eugene	
Guinness, Os	Piper, John	
	Powlison, David	