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Von Eusebius : The History of the Church from Christ to Constantine (Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The History of the Church from Christ to Constantine (Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Helpful introduction and Handy GlossaryVon whmThe G.A. Williamson translation of Eusebius' History of the Church has a few helpful features.First, the lengthy introduction provides the 20th (21st?) century reader a framework for looking at

these 4th century writings--it identifies his biases, omissions, strengths as well as his cultural context. I found that re-reading the introduction, once I finished *History of the Church*, helped greatly in clarifying the work. Second, the "who's who in Eusebius" section aids in keeping track of the various names/saints/heretics that pop up in the pages. I got the most out of the book when looked up each new name in the "who's who" section and *slowly* read Williamsons comments. Such an approach made for slow going, but it helped me to sift through and synthesize the material. A couple of examples: I now know who Dionysius of Alexandria is and who's responsible for calculating the date of Easter. One more note on the translation: it's supposedly much more modern and readable than others (or so says the introduction). Eusebius, supposedly, wrote in obtuse and windy Greek. As I have only read this translation, I can't compare it; but I did find this translation readable. Interesting things along the way:--Eusebius' has interesting comments on the development of the canon--i.e. the selection of the gospels and the epistles for that distribution known as the New Testament--Reading Eusebius will give you an appreciation for the sufferings of the 2nd and 3rd century martyrs for simply refusing to give token acts of worship to Roman gods.--This book does *not* contain much evidence of the "Eusebian Accomodation," the pro-government stance I'd heard about in church history class. Overall, this book is *the* seminal church history book and worth reading, but will require some discipline to finish.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent primer of the birth of the Church Von Andrew K. Wong Eusebius' "History of the Church" is rightly known as "THE History of the Church." There is no other of the same breadth and depth as Eusebius'. This volume is an excellent synthesis of the works of all significant early Christian and secular historians and eyewitness accounts of the events forming the early Church. Eusebius's narrative is linear, tracking the growth of the Church from Pentecost, A.D. 32 through stages of vicious persecution until the Emperor Constantine's sanctioning of Christianity as The Roman Empire's official religion. Eusebius' prose is terse yet wonderfully erudite with an obvious bias towards the early Church--baptized in blood so that the Church today might flourish. Eusebius tells us how the Church and the Canon of Scripture came to be. Every major Church figure, controversy, and event of significance is recorded in accurate detail. Every heresy that threatened the Church's existence is reported thoroughly, yet concisely. Eusebius was not an eyewitness to many of the events himself and therefore draws upon all available secondary sources during his time, including Josephus; Philo; Clement; and documents that later formed the Canon of Scripture. This synthesis of the ancient sources in itself is extremely valuable--Eusebius makes sense of all of Josephus' and Philo's voluminous works and puts it all together clearly for his readers. Eusebius writes about people, and there are many in this account. From the 12 Disciples and Paul to the Church bishops to all those branded as heretics. Eusebius pays special attention to the martyrs: e.g., James, killed by Herod; Polycarp, whose death Eusebius presents a riveting account of. Eusebius also writes of those who abandoned the faith at swordpoint so that later Christians may take heed. The text is 332 small paperback pages long, with ~9 point font but spaced 1 1/2 for comfortable reading. There are sections within each chapter (as there are in Augustine's "City of God") that help in digesting the wealth of information. The appendices contain short summaries of all major figures from A.D. 32 to Constantine, Christian and secular, and a timeline of the reigns of the Roman emperors concurrent with the terms of the Church bishops. G.A. Williamson's footnotes are not as thorough or accurate as Kirsopp Lake's in the Loeb Series (Harvard University Press). But the Loeb Series sells for almost quadruple the price of the Penguin volume. This is the best volume of Church history there is.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dissertation On Eusebius Von Jonathan Alan Hamby Dissertation On Eusebius The Church History I found this particular book very interesting, and I encourage anyone who is in the Christian faith, or in the study of theology to pick up a copy of this book. I give the translators of this text two thumbs up, due to the fact that writings from the fourth century may sometimes grow wearisome, and result in loss of interest to the subject. The translators have taken this book which had to be reproduced from Greek, Hebrew, and Latin texts, and successfully compiled an ancient masterpiece. Eusebius has used his own account in this book, as well as other esteemed historians, with important quotes from scripture. Together they lay down facts that are without a doubt helpful for the understanding of politics, heretics, martyrdom's, persecutions, the succession of Bishops, and Emperors from Christ to Constantine. In conclusion I found this book to have a lot of twists, that swing your emotions from one level to another, which ultimately proves most satisfying, and fulfilling. So I advise you to purchase this book, it without a doubt will deem itself very profitable.

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