

THE BOOK ON MY SHELF

READING LIST FOR ADULTS



Enjoying Your Bible

by John Brunt

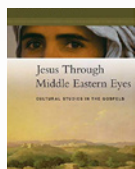
Brunt insists it is possible to enjoy the Bible as is, with its troubling or conflicting or confusing sections. There is an ancient library inside this book and we need to treat it as such, for starters!



Eat This Book

by Eugene Peterson

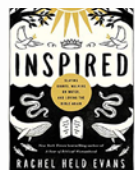
Written by long-time pastor and author of the Message paraphrase, this book helps us know how to read the Bible for personal transformation. (Study Guide also available for small group use.)



Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes

by Kenneth Bailey

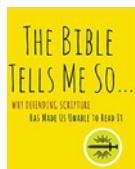
Bailey, who has spent years living in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem, and Cyprus, as well as studying Arabic and the New Testament, helps us see Jesus' life and stories in his cultural context.



Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again

by Rachel Held Evans

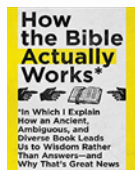
Held-Evans brings the text a different kind of life that makes it accessible to all ranges of background and schooling.



The Bible Tells Me So...

by Peter Enns

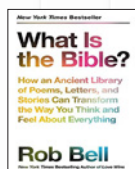
We've been so busy protecting the Bible, we are now unable to read it. What if the Bible is not necessarily well-behaved, but messy, troubling and sometimes odd?



How the Bible Actually Works*

by Peter Enns

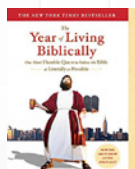
*In Which I Explain How an Ancient, Ambiguous and Diverse Book Leads Us to Wisdom Rather Than Answers -- and Why That's Great News.



What Is the Bible?

by Rob Bell

Bell goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined—and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way.



The Year of Living Biblically

by A. J. Jacobs

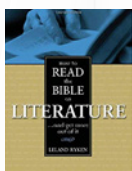
From his Manhattan apartment with a family of three, Jacobs literally acts-out biblical passages for a year. His take away lessons are interesting, and his humor and honesty will keep you reading.



Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

by Marcus J. Borg

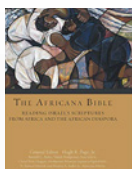
Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile a scientific and critical way of thinking with our deepest spiritual needs, leading to an insightful experience of ancient text.



How to Read the Bible as Literature... and Get More Out of It

by Leland Ryken

Ryken moves book by book through the Bible and introduces us to its literary forms, with a real focus on the Bible as artistic literature.



The Africana Bible

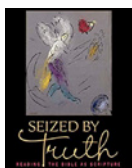
This book opens a critical window into the world of interpretation from the multiple diasporas of African peoples, including the African-American experience, with attention to African history, literature, and culture, for understanding biblical literature.



Santa Biblia: The Bible Through Hispanic Eyes

by Justo L. González

Gonzalez explores how a Hispanic perspective illuminates the biblical text in ways that will be valuable, not only for Latino readers, but also for the church at large.



Seized by Truth: Reading the Bible as Scripture

by Joel B. Green

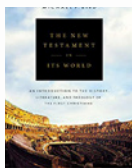
Joel Green, takes seriously the faith statement that the Bible is our Book; these scriptures are our Scripture. We are not reading someone else's mail. This is uniquely our Book.



The Bible for Everyone

by John Goldingay & Tom Wright

This book is the result of a passionate conviction that scripture should be something that everyone can read, understand and enjoy. A wonderful balance of passion, scholarship and applicability to everyday life.



The New Testament in Its World

by N. T. Wright & Michael F. Bird

An introduction to the New Testament that captures the excitement of the early Christians, helping today's readers to think like a first-century believer while reading the text responsibly for today.

Additional Resources:

The Bible Project (Website: bibleproject.com): A web-based resource, video animation for the whole family. These products are highest quality, developed with scholarly and artistic expertise, and are popular among pastors all over the world.

The Bible for Normal People (Podcast): Very insightful conversations about bible stories and characters, challenges us to think about how we actually interact with scripture and the implications for our lives.

her.Bible (Website: her.bible): her.BIBLE wants women to grow in their relationship with God through listening to His Word read by ethnically diverse sisters, and to inspire women around the world to create a women's audio Bible in their own heart languages.