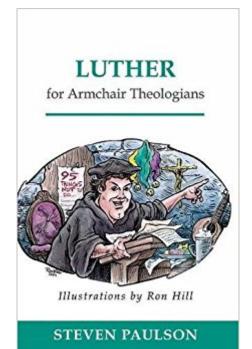


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Martin Luther started a reformation movement that revolutionized Europe in the sixteenth century. His far-reaching reforms of theological understanding and church practices radically modified both church and society in Europe and beyond. Steven Paulson's discussion of Luther's thought, coupled with Ron Hill's illustrations, provides an engaging introduction to Luther's multifaceted self and the ideas that catapulted him to fame. Written by experts but designed for the novice, the Armchair series provides accurate, concise, and witty overviews of some of the most profound Christian theologians in history. This series is an essential supplement for first-time encounters with primary texts, a lucid refresher for scholars and clergy, and an enjoyable read for the theologically curious.

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Steven D. Paulson is Professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

When I was asked to do a Sunday School class on Martin Luther in a non-Lutheran Church, this book proved to be a godsend. This book opened up Luther's theology for me and helped me grasp

and explain both the man and his theology. The author is an unabashed Lutheran, but he opens up the subject clearly and with humor so clearly set forth the man and what he believed. The book was a delight to read, and I found it very useful.

I was disappointed in this book. I lead an adult study group at my church, and we found this book to be difficult to understand. The author goes into involved explanations of concepts such as righteousness, original sin, and justification by faith. He uses unfamiliar terms such as tropes and makes reference to prior thinkers such as Aristotle and Augustine. I was hoping for a portrait of Luther's career as well as his ideas, but we did not find that in thisbook. We have read other books in the armchair series and found them informative and easy to understand.

Great book. Paulson does a great job with Luther. Take a look at his other book Lutheran Theology as well.

Came very quickly. Some of it was pretty deep and difficult to get through.

Terrible writing for a Lutheran professor.

Excellent book! Breaks down Lutheran theology into easy, managable portions, bringing it to life!

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Great book, useful in studying Luther, a fun and pleasant read.

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