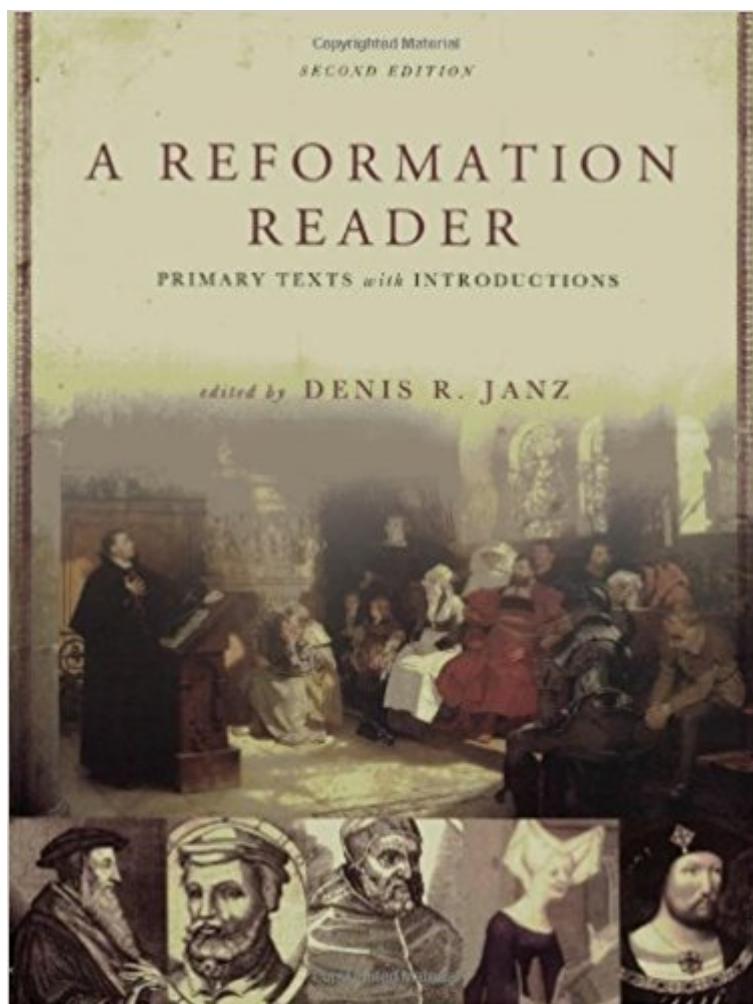


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Denis Janz's compilation of relevant primary texts for the Reformation is a great place to begin serious study on Reformation theology. Janz begins with several texts from the medieval period that help one understand the Catholic theology being "protested" in later years. Also interesting are the "precursors" to the Reformation found in men like Bradwardine, people who were rediscovering Augustinian theology, though maintaining their Catholic beliefs. Janz selects texts from Luther,

Zwingli, Calvin, the Anabaptists, Roman Catholic apologists, and the major confessions of faith and Reformed catechisms.

Good research

This is a required text for my seminary class. I find it a helpful collection of writings that saves time in the library from hunting all of the individual primary sources. The translations seem readable and the selections allow a better knowledge of the subject than text books about the subject. Choices are always made in any edited work, but the choices seem to have been well made to promote understanding of the changes to the church in the 15th and 16th centuries.

This was a great book and I recommend it to anyone looking to learn more. I rated this product high because it was educational.

Good book

I'm a fussy professor who prefers to have students read primary material rather than someone's notions about texts. These texts are superb for a Reformation course, seminary or undergrad. A little humor, as in "The Abbot and the Lady" doesn't hurt, either. I'm so glad that I found Janz's volume on .

I think the text improves as you get further into it, but it is a lot of similar detail in the beginning, especially. I think a larger print would make it an easier read. I did learn a lot about the similarities and the diversity within the various Reformation movements.

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