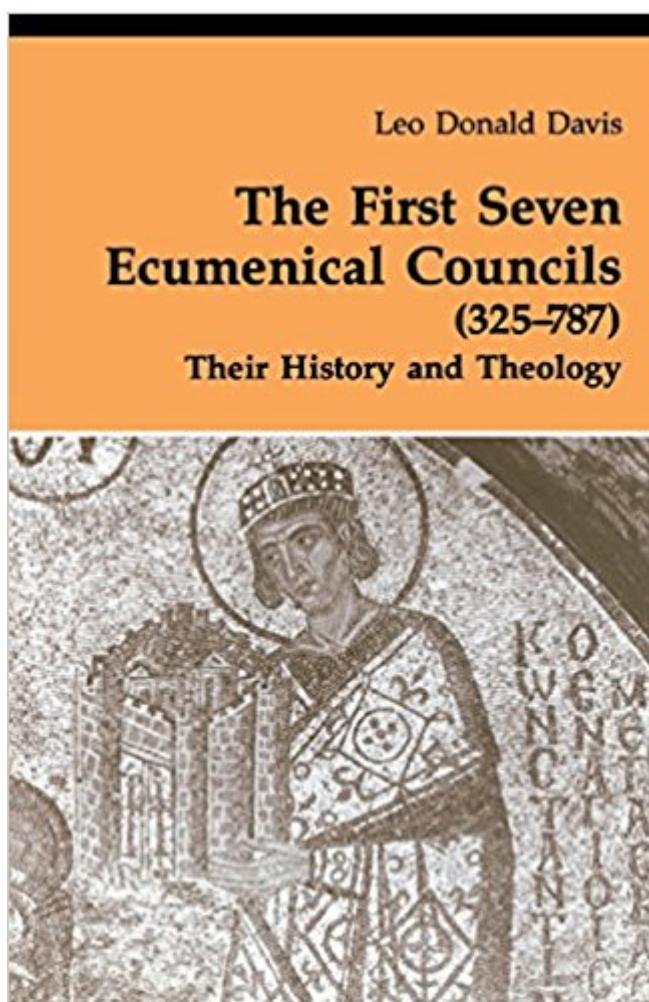


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Wow. This is a must read for anyone interested in the early church - the theological issues of the day, the disagreements, the heresies, and the how the Church leaders resolved the disputes. The theological issues can get complex and difficult to understand, so the book is not always the easiest to read. Also, the book shows the human side of the members of the Church as well. Great read.

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This book is a must for those who wish to study early Church history. It is a little dry at times, but it is packed with information.

Perfect

Just as expected.

Required Text

I have been through the book twice now, and as one reviewer has described it, it is dry. In part this is due to the nature that it is seen as one of the more authoritative text on the subject matter and thus is beloved by many professional academics and institutions. On the more case critical end, it seeks to offer up the history in a more topical fashion than a linear one, this can (at least for this reader) cause some difficulties in ascertaining who certain characters are in the text and more importantly what was going on at a given time. This frustration tends to complicate things if you are attempting to write a thesis and/or argument because the facts are often jumbled together with little help from the author in reminding us of who they were. You might consider reading additional authors such as Joseph F. Kelley's work on the same subject and other "arm chair" type books to help you get a better, more clear understanding of what is going on and by whom. In addition it would be wise to try and obtain primary works edited by Philip Schaff to get a more concise exposition of the accounts of the Ecumenical Councils.

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