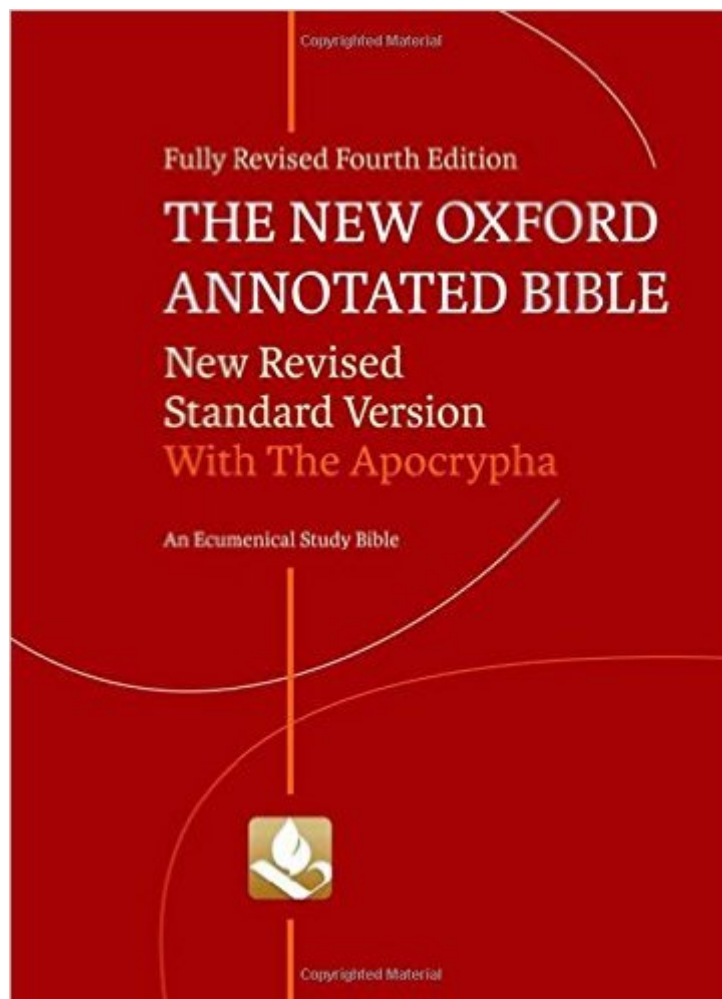


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sturdy yet flexible. For those seeking a non-denominational, academic Bible, the NOAB remains a clear first choice. It is an outstanding guide to these ancient texts, and offers a world of Biblical knowledge and insight for its readers.

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New Oxford Annotated Bible retains its status as a "go-to Study Bible" for those wishing to better understand cultural and historical settings of the communities for and from which Hebrew and Christian scriptures originated. (Those desiring to similarly understand how the Bible may be received by various cultures today will benefit on consulting "The Peoples' Bible" in turn.) With a new, tighter binding and readable page layout, though with a font-size verging on too-small for its annotations, this will be an edition that continues to appeal to those in academic settings and communities of faith. Among contributors enlivening the fourth edition are both long-established scholars, such as Terence E. Fretheim, writing on the book of Numbers, and those newer to the field, such as Julia M. O'Brien, who annotates a number of the briefer prophets. Commentary retained from the previous edition sometimes implies certainty on key texts which, for other scholars, are best left open-ended (on, for example, the NRSV's questionable shift from "do not kill" to "do not murder" in the Ten Commandments). Neil Elliott's valuable, set-in-its-context-of-empire commentary on Romans remains. Four-and-a-half stars.

This is the 4th ed. (2010) of a Bible tool that has become an institution in its own right (1st ed. 1962, 2nd 1977, 3rd 2001). The 3rd ed., using NRSV, was completely new, with 4 editors and 42 other contributors; this 4th ed. has 56 contributors, 28 of them new to this ed. The unqualified Goal of this work has always been: to be academically reputable. Scholarship, not religious inspiration, is the purpose of introductions, notes, and essays. Academic institutions from around the world are represented (not listed in the book; must be searched on line). Religious affiliations range from Orthodox Protestant through Roman Catholic, Jewish, to non-affiliated. The editors maintain soberness of tone and uniformity of format. Aimed at college and university courses in Western scriptures, this is a consummate scholarly work. Its only serious competitor in this category is the

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