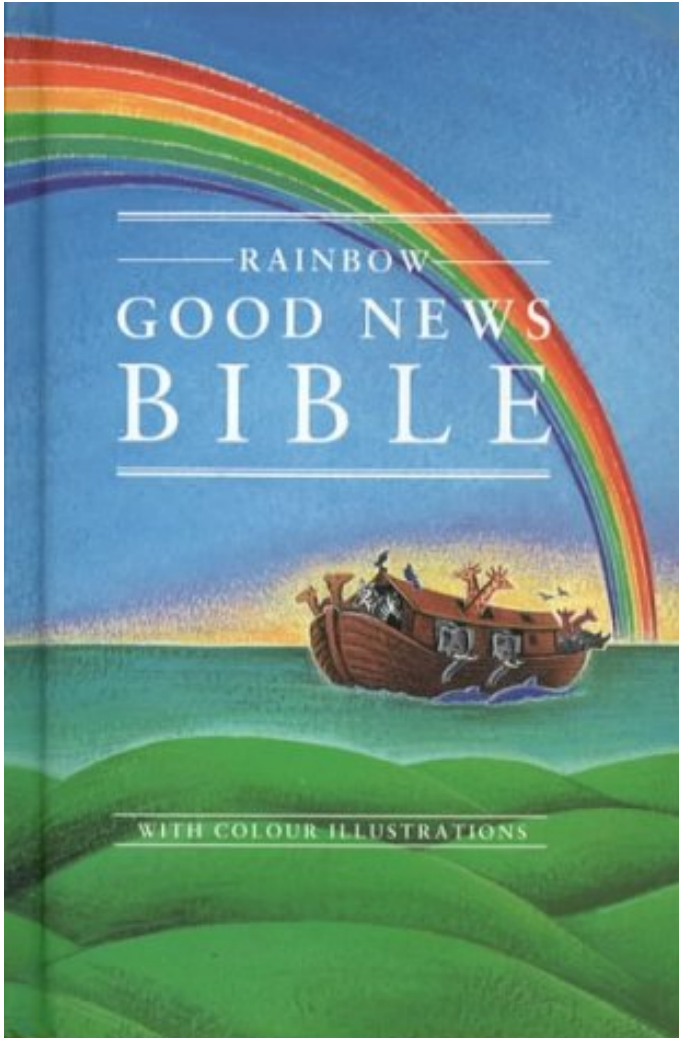

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Insightful reviews

Damian: At heart I will always be a recovering Catholic, so my Bible of choice is this Catholic version with all the extra good stuff that the Protestant reformers decided wasn't canonical.

Nicholas Whyte: <http://nwhyte.livejournal.com/2011647.html>[return]
<http://nwhyte.livejournal.com/2047769.html>[return][return]First off, I don't think I actually would recommend reading the Old Testament (or indeed the Bible) through from start to finish as I did. It wasn't written or compiled to be read in that way, and it doesn't do the text any services to read as if it were a novel, a short story collection, or a book of essays and meditations. I chose this approach because I wanted to feel that I had control of what I was reading, and that I was not missing anything, but if you want to get a fair flavour of it, it's probably better to follow one of the many reading guides available online and elsewhere, which are designed both to showcase the good bits and to keep the reader interested.[return][return]Second, a lot of it is pretty dull, actually. 2 Chronicles in particular comes close to Mark Twain's description of the Book of Mormon, as "choroform in print". Large chunks of the Pentateuch are lists of laws and, even less exciting, census returns. The historical bits have an awful lot of tediously horrible ethnic cleansing and dynastic struggle, leavened by the occasional good bit (the Saul/David/Solomon succession in particular). The prophets are rather indistinguishable in tone of outrage. I recommend finding some way of skipping the dull bits.[return][return]Third, the good bits are indeed good. I've singled out the Book of Job in a previous post; I found the Psalms generally inspiring and uplifting, and I've always been a fan of Ecclesiastes. The narrative histories, which I thought I knew fairly well, still had some surprises for me - in Numbers 12, God smites Moses' sister with leprosy for racism towards Moses' black wife, for instance. There are some fun bits in the prophets - Jonah, and the deuterocanonical addenda to Daniel (Susanna, and Bel and the Dragon). I also rather liked Sirach, aka Ecclesiasticus, which again is deuterocanonical. And 2 Maccabees is a fairly lucid, if brutal, historical note to finish on.[return][return]Fourth, there were indeed a few themes running through the entire OT whose importance I hadn't perhaps fully

grasped: the importance of God's endowing his people with the land, the importance of the cult of the Temple, and the trauma of the Babylonian exile (which of course shaped most of the text we have very directly). I'm not saying that these are the only or even the main main themes, but that these are the ones whose importance was enhanced for me by reading through the entire thing.[return][return]As for the New Testament: it falls rather naturally into three sections. The Gospels and Acts are among the most readable narratives in the Bible; the most striking things are that the three synoptic gospels are so very close to each other, leaving John as the outlier, and that Luke's better Greek prose style comes through in almost any translation of his gospel and Acts. I am also struck every time that the Feeding of the Five Thousand is the only miracle other than the Resurrection reported in all four gospels.[return][return]I was much less familiar with the various epistles. They are not as easy to read as the gospels, combining as they do advice on local disputed, personal salutations, declarations about correct practice and belief, and attempts to put words on the ineffable (Hebrews in particular is an attempt at a theological manifesto avant la lettre). I was struck by how hardline Paul is, particularly in the early letters, on the issues that hardliners still stick to today, and also on the question of justification by faith; but there is a significant counterbalance from some of the later letters, especially 1 Peter which seems to be a direct response in some ways. (And the Epistle of Jude seems strangely familiar after 2 Peter ch 2...)[return][return]Finally, Revelation is the most Old Testament-y of the New Testament books. (There is nothing like the letters in the Old Testament, and the gospels and Acts are quite different in style from the OT historical books.) Again, Revelation is an attempt to express in words that which cannot be expressed in words; it is clearly not meant to be taken literally, but as one person's attempt to concretise the underlying truths.

Lloyd Scott:

I'm not sure if this is the right version of the that I read when I was in Sunday school in the 70s, but it looks like it and the date (1966) peaks my interest so it may be the right one.

I love this book because it is one of the first bibles that was put into plain simple English and it is easy to read for a student, and they use stick figures as pictures when showing someone how to pray for example, and that made it fun to read as well. Being a minister's son, for the first 9 years of my life all that I knew was church, church and church, from sun up to sun down each Sunday and I regretted it. Fast forward to many years later when I was a teen and living in Los Angeles, one Sunday my Sunday school teacher showed up and gave each of us this book I loved it, I read it, I was in heaven and I read this book many times when I was bored on the weekends. If you see this book and you are religious like me, pick it up and check it out at your local book store, you will love it, unlike the other versions primarily the King James Version where many people are turned off by the voice, you won't be turned off by this voice because like I said, it is as though you are talking to one of your friends when you read this version, The Good News Bible for Modern Man.

Kristen: what number instances in my existence have a stated i used to be going to learn the bible? TOO MANY. thirteen years of Catholic university and not as soon as did I choose it as much as read. i've got chanced on myself discovering this to be stress-free and lucrative to place time into reading.

Dan: This quantity comprises the complete textual content of the hot testimony in a translation that's available to the informal reader and light-weight sufficient to head on your hand luggage. It strains the paintings of God from the looks of Jesus, during the rising move that he started, to John's mysterious imaginative and prescient of the tip times. when you have by no means learn the Bible yet questioned what it comprises this can be a great spot to start.

Diane: I hardly learn this simplified translation, yet considering early life i have cherished the small line drawings which are generously unfold throughout. What i admire is that the illustrations should not almost about significant characters or events, yet photograph the good and the small. In excessive school, the simplicity of the fashion even influenced me to aim some of my very own to illustate reminiscence verses.

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