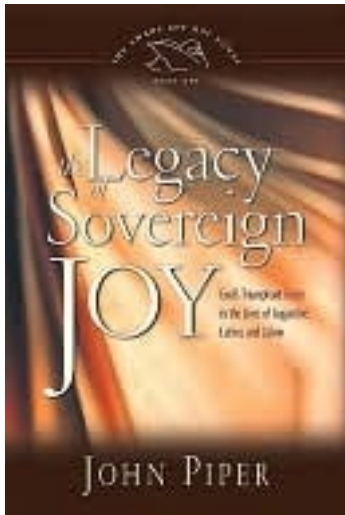

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Description

We admire these men for their greatness, but the truth is Augustine grappled with sexual passions. Martin Luther struggled to control his tongue. John Calvin fought the battle of faith with worldly weapons.

Yet each man will always be remembered for the messages he declared—messages that still resound today. John Piper explores each of these men's lives, integrating Augustine's delight in God with Luther's emphasis on the Word and Calvin's exposition of Scripture. Through their strengths and struggles we can learn how to live better today. When we consider their lives, we behold the glory and majesty of God and find power to overcome our weaknesses.

If ever you are complacent about sin, if ever you lose the joy of Jesus Christ, if ever you are dulled by the world's influence, let the lives of these men help you recapture the wonder of God. Book 1 in The Swans Are Not Silent series.

Insightful reviews

Abe Goolsby: A great trifold biographical sketch of Augustine, Luther and Calvin and the doctrine of God's sovereign grace which binds their legacies together.

Bob Hayton: John Piper's biographies are written with a pastor's eye and so are more than just the story of a famous individual. Rather, they focus on how the person ticked, and how they lived for Jesus. This book looks at 3 great men in the history of the Church, and even though each man had serious flaws, Piper points out the evidences of God's grace and how these men were used so mightily for God.

It would be hard to pick three more trans-formative individuals in church history than the three Piper surveys in this book. He focuses on the pastoral heart and preaching of John Calvin. He looks at Augustine's dramatic conversion from the bondage of sin. And with Luther, he focuses on his study and work as a scholar. The thread that binds the lives of these men is the power of joy in their lives. Or you could say the presence of sovereign joy in their personal lives and ministries.

This short book offers an excellent introduction to the life and legacy of each of these towering figures from church history. But it offers much more. Piper knows just how to peel back the curtain, as it were, and show us how these men tick. He finds their heart for Christ and aims to encourage us all to follow in their footsteps.

David Gregg: All of Piper's biographical sketches are pearl. The conference version is available for streaming or download as MP3 for free at the Desiring God website.

Jean: Excellent! A layman's learn of serious old church leaders. good documented, effortless to read, super, great learn for churchd Christians.

CJ: The "sovereign joy" of the identify refers to a piece of saving grace in Augustine's life. Augustine was once given a present of pleasure that made all his former joys light in comparison. Martin Luther's grace used to be for "sacred study" of scripture. John Calvin's grace was once to the influence of preaching the "divine majesty of God's Word." All 3 males supply wish to we all who're wrong in our usual selves yet think about the grace of God.

Towens23: i admire the complete "Swans usually are not Silent" sequence during which Piper does a partial biography of 3 Christians from the previous in every one book. and every publication has a selected theme. This one specifically makes a speciality of the function of pleasure within the lifetime of Augustine, Luther and Calvin.

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