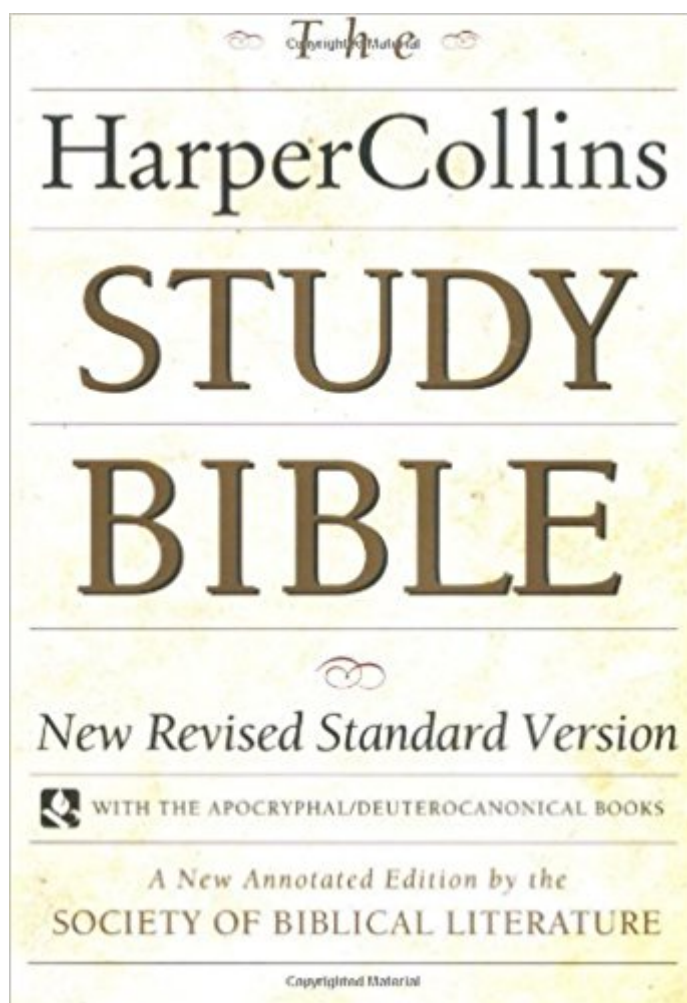


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Beautifully published, with an attractive type font, a soft paper finish, and a strong binding that nonetheless allows the book to lie open at any page, this edition of the Bible--newly annotated by the Society of Biblical Studies--is definitely for a wide audience. It is interdenominational, incorporates the latest in biblical scholarship, and is sensitive to unnecessary gender specificity. An automatic purchase for collections needing a good annotated Bible. Brad Hooper --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is a wonderful study Bible for the non-literalist. The Literalist or fundamentalist may find it off putting. Good introduction to each book, puts writings in context, offers up to date historical criticism (not a bad word) For the Christian and non Christian as well. Lets the reader form own opinions by offering various opinions. May not be the best Bible to confirm what you already believe. However, if you are an open minded seeker with more questions than answers, this could be one of the Bibles for you to own and digest. Finding out that there are two creation stories in Genesis is reason enough to give it a try.,waruiba3stion, as to meaning of wordsown

One of my favorite study bible. Very thorough and complete. I have used it for years and would recommend it to any pastor, preacher or lay minister. The price is exceptional and it shipped fast.

Book was more worn they expected. Corners of pages are curled over making it difficult to turn pages without having to use both hands and some times it is more difficult than others. A bit

frustrating. I believe cost of book should have been less than what I paid for it and should have been more like \$5.00.

This is a great product for the price. I love the NRSV, plus this is a very good study Bible. My only complaint is that it is a bit heavy, but one must accept that trade off for larger print. Excellent condition. Would recommend this seller.

This is a very informative and useful bible. My daughter and I both have a copy, and we spend a lot of time discussing it. One small thing that I like about is that it doesn't substitute masculine pronouns when the gender in the original text is not specified.

I went to a Catholic college, and minored in religion, and studied various ones under professors of nearly every faith. They all essentially agreed THIS was the ultimate translation, with EVERY scripture any faith of REAL (not Da Vinci Code crap) power finds authoritative. The notes on the history and theological background (especially the bits about Hebrew culture that REALLY make words you've read 1000 times make more sense!) are all amazing. If you can read Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, and all that you'll love this Bible, because at all of the "touchy" translations that are disputed, SEVERAL interpretations are offered and their english equivalents. Also, when passages allude to and refer to and impact each other, you are told to "see Psalm XYZ" in the footnotes. The cast of scholars who prepared this bible is extensive and I've met some of them. You can trust their integrity, scholarship, and faith to give you a Bible you can believe in. For the religious believer or the purely scholarly interest, this Bible beats em all.

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