

35 (or so) Christian Books you should read before you die (preferably sooner)

Life is too short to waste time reading 2nd rate books. With the immense range of Christian titles available, we are often asked to recommend a book on a particular topic. The following list of recommended reading has been compiled by the staff of St. Anne's and is organised under general subject headings.

Dictionaries

For starters, you should own a **good Bible Dictionary** such as:
New Bible Dictionary IVP (included in the reference collection **)

** More detailed dictionaries are available as a **software package**:
“*The essential IVP reference collection*” includes Dictionaries of: Paul and His letters, Jesus and the gospels, Biblical Theology etc great value

Modern “Classics”

Mere Christianity C S Lewis
Knowing God J I Packer
The great divorce C S Lewis
What's so amazing about grace P Yancey

Bible Background

Israel and the nations F F Bruce
The faith of Israel W J Dumbrell
Is the New Testament History ? P W Barnett
Paul, Apostle of the Free Spirit F F Bruce

Biblical interpretation

How to read the Bible for all its worth G Fee and D Stewart
According to plan G Goldsworthy

Bible Commentaries

Reading Genesis today A Reid
Reading Revelation today P W Barnett
Luke R Kent Hughes
The message of the sermon on the mount J R W Stott
The message of Isaiah B G Webb
(NB Most commentaries in the series included above are excellent quality. Other excellent commentaries are available on most books of the Bible)
A good **one-volume Bible Commentary** is the *New Bible Commentary* IVP

(** also included in the reference collection above).

Apologetics and evangelism

Know and tell the gospel J Chapman

Know why you believe P Little

Out of the saltshaker R Manley-Pippert

Spectators guide to world religions J Dickson

The case for Christ L Strobel

The case for Christianity (Lion Handbook) C Chapman (out of print – beg borrow or find 2nd hand online)

Theology

Know the truth B Milne

Know what you believe P Little

The cross of Christ J R W Stott

Church History

The Lion handbook of church history

Christian living

Disciplines of a godly man R Kent Hughes

Disciplines of a godly woman B Hughes

Ethics

The How and why of love M Hill

New Issues facing Christians today J R Stott

Beyond greed B Rosner

Charismatic issues

Baptism and Fullness J R W Stott

“Worship”

Engaging with God D Peterson

Suffering

Where is God when it hurts? P Yancey

The problem of pain C S Lewis

These books are among many quality Christian writings and represent a starting point for a quality reading program. We can arrange to order copies.