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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

What do you get when you mix the life-application practicality of a devotional Bible with the expertise and commentary of a study Bible and the user-friendly graphics of an illustrated Bible? The result might look very much like this outstanding resource. Foster, author of the modern Christian classic *Celebration of Discipline*, and Willard, who wrote *The Divine Conspiracy*, spearheaded a team of more than 50 scholars, pastors, theologians and others over five years to produce a Bible that is devoted to spiritual formation. (Brueggemann and Peterson led the teams on the Old and New Testaments, respectively, using the New Revised Standard Version.) Foster writes an introductory note explaining the team's basic mission: to provide "a resource for approaching the Bible through the lens of Christian spiritual formation." An opening essay encourages readers to see the entire Bible as "the unfolding story of God's plan for how we can have an intimate love relationship with our Creator," while 15 other essays speak to various aspects and stages of that relationship, from exile and travail to Christ's coming and the future hope of eternity. The editors also include spiritual exercises, profiles of key biblical figures and discussions of how those individuals practiced spiritual disciplines like prayer and worship. Christians of many different traditions will appreciate this ecumenical resource devoted to spiritual renewal.

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"The *Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible* ... is unrivaled as a classic work of biblical theology suffused with a pastoral heart." (Brennan Manning, author of *Ruthless Trust*)

"...[T]he most spiritually-impactful Bible of our time." (John Ortberg, Teaching Pastor, Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, author of *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*)

"This Bible is greatly needed." (Tony Campolo, author of *It's Friday but Sunday's Coming*)

"With great enthusiasm, I open *The Renovaré Spiritual Formation Bible*. One could not assemble a finer team to compile it." (Max Lucado, author of *Come Thirsty and Traveling Light*)

"This Bible helps us desire intimacy with God, not just know the typical facts and knowledge. (Dan Kimball, author of *The Emerging Church*, and Pastor of Vintage Faith Church)

"[An] outstanding resource...Christians of many different traditions will appreciate this ecumenical resource devoted to spiritual renewal." (Publishers Weekly)

"...Many original and stimulating insights for the spiritual lives of contemporary Christians." (Christian Century)

"This study Bible is both serious and accessible." (Tulsa World)

### **From the Back Cover**

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- o An introductory essay explaining the paradigm of 'The With-God Life'
- o A series of fifteen 'With God' essays sprinkled throughout the Bible laying out the progression of the biblical story
- o Introduction and notes for each book of the Bible
- o 50+ character sketches giving a sense of the ways key Biblical figures lived with-God
- o Spiritual exercises
- o Profiles of key biblical characters
- o A 'Spiritual Disciplines Index' and glossary
- o Includes a concordance
- o Italian leather-like material with a sewn-binding, gilded edges and a ribbon marker
- o Compact size - portable for travel and Bible study groups.

Previously published as The Renovare Spiritual Formation Bible.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

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