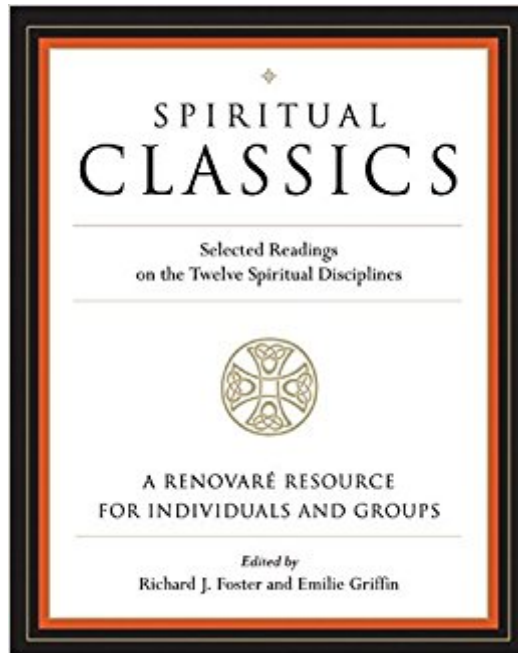


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a group of 13-14 senior adults who have tired of traditional Bible studies and Sunday school lessons chose this book having previously used Fuller's other selected classic readings. We take turns facilitating the weekly discussion which is always lively, informative and motivating. We are not disappointed that we chose this book.

great collection of readings and the reflection at the end of each by Foster is enlightening and eye opening. The mini-biographies given in the beginning of each reading is also encouraging because it removes any pretense of superiority of the author that we might unwittingly bestow him/her and brings the image of the author back down to someone we can relate to and thereby making the reading even more pertinent to our lives, struggles, doubts, fears, and confusions. It's a great book for group discussions, too, because each reading speaks and relates to everyone differently and one can hear many different perspectives on the same topic.

I am part of an informal Bible study group that has been together for several years. These are mostly retirement age folks who have been in church their whole lives. Finding material that leads to new growth in faith is so difficult. When we started this material it was so difficult both intellectually and spiritually that we would have given it up if there had been other suitable material accessible to us. Somehow, as we searched for an alternative, we hit our stride. Each section has been challenging

but also strengthening. Spiritual Classics is not for the faint of heart, but it is totally wonderful. Expect every reading to set the bar higher than most of us regularly go in our faith. Don't expect to skim the lesson and be ready to discuss it. These are some of the most respected writers of the Christian faith whether from the mid 1900's or the late 300's. They think deeply and require that you do likewise. You will not come away unchanged.

Short selections of spiritual writings from 52 well known Christians from around the world. Each selection is from a longer work, and is followed by a short biographical sketch, an appropriate Bible selection, discussion questions, suggested exercises, a reflection by the editor Richard Foster, and suggested further reading. Some selections are from the early Church, some from several centuries ago, and others from recent times. A highly recommended work. I was very impressed with the choice of writers, and with the whole book. It is ideal for use by a Church study group.

Just got started but it appears to be just what I had hoped. Great insights and applications for learning and practicing the spiritual disciplines for the Christian Life. Both old and new practicing theologians contributed to the book.

Devotional Classics...the precursor is better, but if you like DC you'll like this.

We are using this book in Sunday School and we are loving it. The collection of essays offers selections from new and old writers who are very wise and knowledgeable. This is a wonderful read for anyone interested in the spiritual disciplines and how to improve in all of them.

This is an incredible book that I would recommend to any Christian who wants to deepen their biblical understanding and grow closer with God. Take time to get this and read it.

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