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Synopsis

In this addition to the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture (C.C.S.S.), a seasoned scholar interprets First Corinthians for pastoral ministers and lay readers alike. The C.C.S.S. series, which will cover the entire New Testament, relates Scripture to life, is faithfully Catholic, and is supplemented by features designed to help readers understand the Bible more deeply and use it more effectively in teaching, preaching, evangelization, and other forms of ministry. Praise for the C.C.S.S. "A landmark achievement in theological interpretation of Scripture in and for the Church. Highly recommended for all!" -Michael J. Gorman, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed Mary Healey's commentary on The Gospel of Mark so much that I thought I'd try another in the series.What better to read than a commentary on one of the books that reflects Christians living the way we do today? Or practically. Drinking and fussing and feuding and snubbing each other ... no wonder poor Paul had to write them two good sized letters.This has all the features of the other book (cross references with other scripture, the Catechism, lectionary; sidebar boxes with Biblical background, living tradition, history; points for reflection and application). The only difference is how a different author handles the material. In Montague's case, it is handled well thus far. The biggest change that I can see is Montague's more personal approach, frequently using his own point of view and interjecting personal stories into the reflection and application section. I am not a fan of this approach. Most of the points so far could have been handled in a more impersonal fashion (a la Healy's book) which opens it up for each person to reflect on their own points. The personal touch, in this series, seems to me to limit viewpoint.Despite the personal comments, which are fewer and fewer as we get into the book, this is brilliant. Talk about digging into the scripture. I particularly appreciate the comparison of original words to the different translations (NAB, RSV, NIV, etc.) as it helps me see all the ways one can look at a passage ... and often compared to the original text there is no one translation that comes closest to the actual meaning. I can't recommend this commentary highly enough.

This commentary is detailed and gives the reader needed information for understanding the content-meaning for the people of the time it was written as well as for us today. The language and grammar are easy to understand for the average person. It's a great addition for any person who wants to study the Bible in-depth with exergisis in mind.

This was a great commentary. I love that it focused on one book of the Bible. The format was easy to follow: It would start with a couple of verse, and then the author would explain each verse in that set. Then there is a more personal reflection section before moving on to the next set of verses in that chapter. I learned a lot.

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