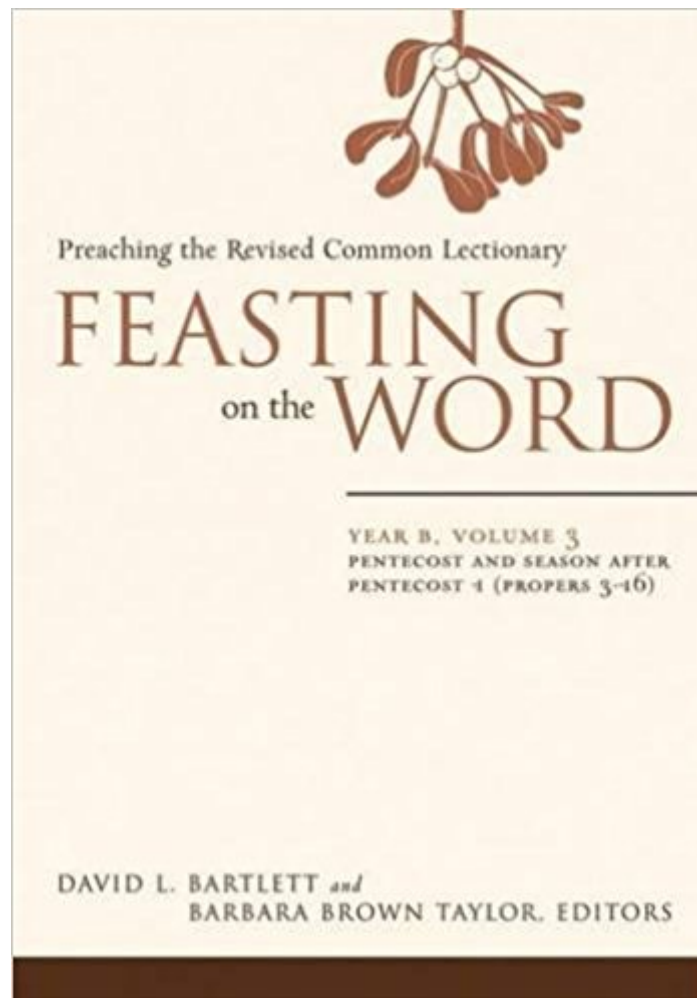


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## Customer Reviews

Feasting on the Word is a monumental contribution. The editors have gathered an impressive roster of writers and the result is a lively collection of thoughtful and well-written pieces, many of which directly address preachers, offering a bracing blend of admonition, exhortation, and encouragement. Feasting on the Word will richly repay your investment. -- --The Christian Century, April 2009

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Excellent resource for writing sermons! Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, this series provides four different approaches to address each scripture: exegetical, theological, homilitical, and pastoral. The bible passage leads each section followed by the associated essays. I use it for nearly every sermon I give and consider it an invaluable resource. Since I end up traveling a great deal, I have the Kindle version so the book is always available. It was recommended to me by several of the ministers I work with. Many of them have both the hard copy and the Kindle version. While our church library carries it, I purchased my own because they were always checked out!

Love these commentaries and kindle version shows well. Only problem is that the Year A,B,C and Volume number are near impossible to read on the cover view which makes finding which one you need quite the annoying task.

This is going to sound like a total nitpick, but I have problems using these very helpful resources--both the "Preaching..." books and the "Worship Companion" series because I bought many of them for use on my Kindle, and I can't tell which book is which. Within each series the covers are identical except for the very tiny print that distinguishes each from the others by year and volume: "Year x, Volume n" Every time I go to my library to look for a *Feasting on the Word* resource, I end up opening multiple volumes one at a time until I stumble onto the right one. The publisher could fix this simply by providing larger text on the eBook covers. Aside from this, these are wonderful.

Now, this is not a game breaker, but I love books. I'm one of those "old-fashioned" types that would rather go to a shelf and pull off a book to read, to feel its heft, to smell the pages, and if they are old enough, and I have a lot of them, to even smell the history. I use electronic books, but given a choice, I would rather have paper and ink. The three volumes that I ordered came in record time, I

have no problem there. In fact, I am greatly appreciative that a delivery time is overstated so that they come early - you guys are geniuses! And the books are everything they are reported to be, which means, my head hurts because they make me think! BUT - and this is just me - they were listed as new. So when I open the box and the books are not shrink wrapped and the jacket covers are all marked up - I know, they did what they were supposed to in order to protect the book - it looks like they were slid from one end of the warehouse to the other to be packaged and sent. I always thought with a new book it was my job to scuff things up. Not a deal breaker, but it does beg the eternal question - Hmmmmmm?!

I've found the "Feasting on the Word" commentaries on the scriptures of the Revised Common Lectionary to be thought-provoking and insightful aids for scripture study and sermon preparation. The essay writers include prominent theologians from a variety of faiths. Each of the four scriptures for each Sunday has essays from theological, pastoral, exegetical, and homiletical perspectives. The exploration of the scripture from these different approaches provides depth, raises questions, and points to new insights.

I have found this series to be quite helpful. With four points of view on each reading, I can almost always find something that helps me connect the reading with a Word that I think God might have for me and the congregation, in our situation here and now. And as a person with overflowing shelves, I get the Kindle version, which I can look at on my Blackberry (at those odd moments when I'm waiting in the doctor's office or something) and my PC (when working on my sermon).

leads to deepening your prayer and Bible knowledge

As a regular preacher, I am always looking for a good text to help me with sermons and this is an excellent one. But it had one drawback in that it did not include the alternate readings (O.T., psalm, Epistle) that we commonly use. I find that a great hinderance, but not one that we can't overcome. The scholarship on what is done is laudable.

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