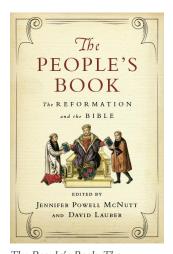


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The People's Book: The Reformation and the Bible **Available April 2017** \$25, 250 pages, paperback 978-0-8308-**5163**-8

"The Wheaton Theology
Conference commemorates the
Reformation's 500th anniversary
with these collected essays, which
explore 'the centrality of the Bible
to the emergence and diffusion of
the Reformation' . . . The essays
brim with intriguing insights. . . .
Students of the Reformation will
welcome this scholarly, diverse
collection."

-Publishers Weekly, March 6, 2017

From the *Ninety-Five Theses* to the People's Book

Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses* caught Europe by storm and initiated the Reformation, which fundamentally transformed both the church and society. And as a part of a twenty-five year partnership, InterVarsity Press and the Wheaton Theology Conference are thrilled with the timely release of *The People's Book: The Reformation and the Bible.*

This edited volume focuses on the events surrounding the beginning of the Reformation five hundred years ago—the proliferation of Martin Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses*, the publication of his German Bible, and the complex role this "people's book" had in the Reformation as a central element of both unity and division within Christianity. The essays within are taken from talks given at the 2016 Wheaton Theology Conference of the same name.

"The longstanding partnership of IVP and Wheaton College has consistently produced memorable theology conferences," said David Lauber, co-editor of *The People's Book* and associate professor of theology at Wheaton College. "The People's Book: The Reformation and the Bible will benefit the church and the academy."

Plenary papers included in the volume bring attention to the multiplicity of Reformation traditions — Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, radical, and Catholic — and their engagement with the Bible. Conference keynote sessions, included as chapters, by the likes of Michael Horton, Bruce Gordon, Mark Labberton, Carl Trueman, and others grapple with the unifying and divisive dialogue that the people's book generated during the Reformation as an avenue for considering the unity and division that the body of Christ faces today.

"This valuable collection of essays from an excellent group of scholars does a superb job of covering topics ranging from Latin Bibles to vernacular culture, perspicuity, and reading the Reformers after Newman," said Jon Balserak, senior lecturer in early modern religion at the University of Bristol. "A great mix of historical and theological material and a pleasure to read."

On the 500th anniversary of this significant event in the life of the church, these essays point not only to the crucial role of the Bible during the Reformation era but also its ongoing importance as "the people's book" today.

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell McNutt, co-editor of *The People's Book* and associate professor of theology and history of Christianity at Wheaton College, said, "For twenty-five years the





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Wheaton Theology Conference has enjoyed its partnership with IVP in exploring issues that pertain to theology in the church and in contemporary culture. [With *The People's Book*] we have the opportunity to explore the impact of the Bible during the Reformation as its 500th anniversary approaches through a line-up of renowned scholars."

