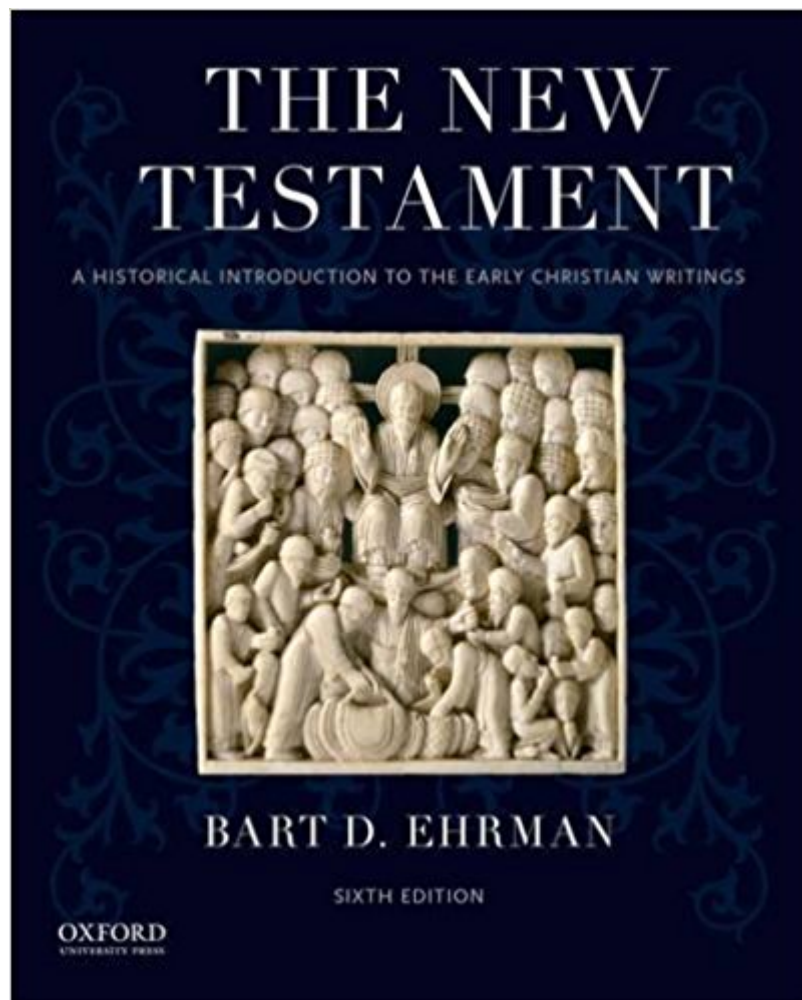




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anyone who professes to be a Christian needs the info in this book. it is balanced, and at a depth that a freshman at a decent university can understand it. the author has no axe to grind here, it is a "just the facts, mam," investigation of each book of the new testament. it is an excellent resource for church groups, Christian youth groups, or anyone else wanting to get to the truth of the new testament, without the special sauce served by those wanting to alter the writings to suit their own tastes.

Has a lot of helpful information per my husband for a class he is taking at the seminary.

Excellent book. Bart Ehrman has no theological bias and just gives the facts. I love that about him.

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