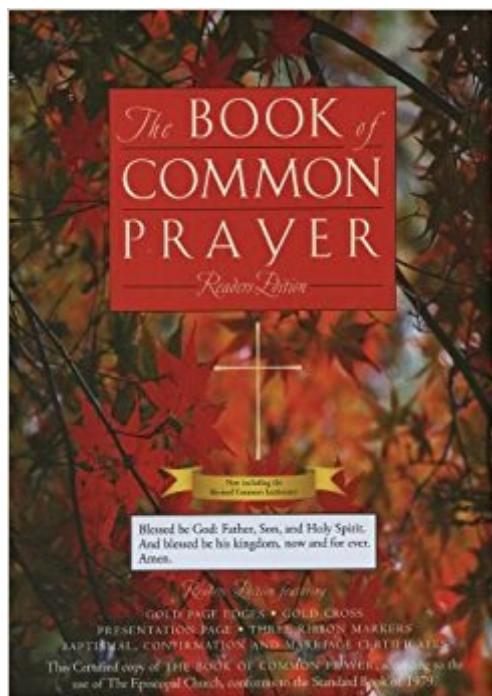


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Customer Reviews

For the price, this Oxford University Press Gift Edition of the Book of Common Prayer is hard to beat. Anyone looking for an inexpensive version for home or travel would do well to consider this version. **PROS:**^{*} Lays flat, a real plus, and not always a sure thing with imitation leather or a book this small. Honestly, I was impressed.^{*} The imitation leather "Vivella" cover has a smooth, rubbery surface that is unusual yet makes for a sure feel in-hand.^{*} The quality is excellent for a book of this type and in this price range, with a well-made spine, good paper, and crisp typefaces.^{*} Good use of white space keeps the text readable, despite being on the smaller side.^{*} Includes a sewn-in placemarker ribbon. **CONS:**^{*} The editors can't decide whether they will stick with "thee," "thou," and "thine" or use less archaic pronouns. That this seems to fluctuate throughout the text is annoying, especially when notes say these older pronouns will be italicized, yet they are routinely not.^{*} While the small typeface is not a problem in most of the book, a few sections of notes are downright minuscule.^{*} My copy came with some slight pressure damage to the sides of the pages. Again, for

someone looking for a Book of Common Prayer, this is a great value. Recommended.

This compact BCP is an ideal, compact size, but also quite readable, even to eyes of advancing years. Its "imitation leather" binding makes it flexible, though the imitation is purely theoretical. It looks nothing like leather, more like a vinyl/plastic melange, but it is nonetheless attractive. This edition does NOT contain the actual readings for the three-year cycle lectionary, but only gives Biblical references for where those passages can be found. So, one would still need an actual common lectionary or else a Bible, to accompany this volume.

I bought this for my husband when he was ordained a deacon and he loves it! He especially likes the three ribbon bookmarks so that he can mark more than one thing at a time. We got the cover engraved at a local Christian bookstore, and the gold-leaf looks really nice with the gold edges on the pages. There was also a place to dedicate the book to him and to write the occasion. It is very easy to read, and stacks nicely with a standard-sized Bible.

I didn't have my own BCP or one of those fancy leatherbound BCP/Hymnals with gold lettering etched into the bottom corner which seem to be all the rage in the Episcopal church. I wanted a BCP because I am generally new to the Episcopal church but I didn't want to part with a hundred bucks to get a fancy pants BCP... especially considering that I usually pay around 20 bucks for a bible. Enter the mini-BCP. This is an exact replica of the BCP that's in the rack in front of you, or beside you, or under you in the church. The difference is that it's much smaller, about the size of a "gift book" which is why I suppose they call this the "Gift Edition". If you have poor eyesight you may want to look at another version of the BCP but this is great if you want to bring it along to the Eucharist and even better if you'd like to see the BCP and explore it on your own. The quality is great. I thought this was "imitation leather" but from all I can tell it's the real deal. It's not "genuine" but it's some type of hybrid with leather involved. There is a single ribbon to mark with and it's a nice quality printing. This is actually a much higher quality than the pew books and I could see this lasting many years. I've already had it a year and it looks brand new.

The book arrived one day ahead of schedule, and it's absolutely amazing! I had been expecting it to be made of imitation leather, but it is a sturdy hardcover. It is also compact, the perfect size to put in my purse and carry to church. The only regret I have is that I didn't buy it sooner!

This particular edition of the BCP is small enough for travel yet is complete. The edition I received was a hard cover book yet is easily held and contains readable size text.

If you desire a genuine leather bound prayer book then please pay close attention to the item description when placing your order. I saw "leather bound" in the item description and placed my order thinking this was the prayer book I wanted. Unfortunately the book is actually "bonded leather." It does say these words in small white letters on the cover of the box, but this is different from "Leather Bound." Bonded Leather simply looks and feels...well, cheaper!

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