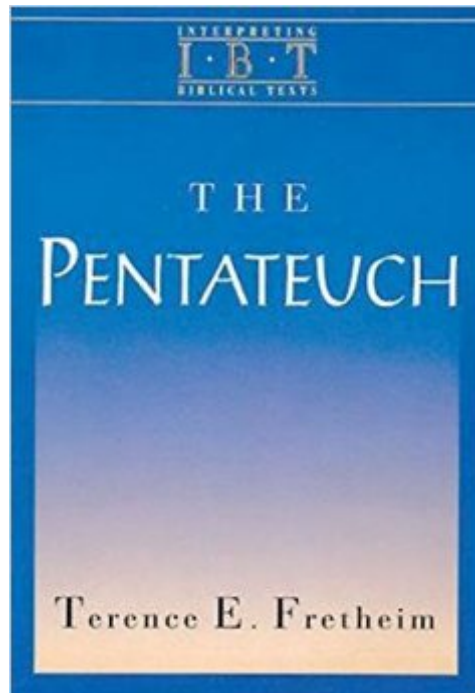


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In this volume, Terence E. Fretheim seeks to introduce the Pentateuch to modern readers, stressing its continuing capacity to speak a word of--or about--God. The two chapters of Part One provide an orientation to the critical study of the Pentateuch and present a proposal for reading the Pentateuch in terms of its rhetorical strategy. That strategy, Fretheim argues, is designed in such a way as to have a certain effect upon its readers, most basically to shape their faith and life. The five chapters of Part Two focus on the individual books that comprise the Pentateuch.

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Customer Reviews

Bought this book because it was required reading for a Pentateuch class I am taking. There is a focus in this book on liberal teachings, ie. JDPE source criticism, but even so there are quite a bit of insights and truths as well. I consider myself conservative in how I view the Bible, but I highlighted so many things in this book that when I entered all the highlight text into MS Word, it came out to over 20 pages worth of highlights that I can use for papers and such.

As someone who teaches the Bible to Catholics in various contexts, I've found this little volume a handy guide to get people introduced to the basic issues of how to understand the Pentateuch. Fretheim explains things in a balanced, clear way without too much technical jargon (as Blenkinsopp's otherwise excellent volume tends to do) for beginners. He extracts from the

mountains of scholarship just enough to keep people from being fundamentalists without overwhelming them with detail.

I needed this book for a Lay School class. Been having a rough time understanding some of it but the instructor is very helpful. I like Fretheim writing, goes into a lot a detail but when I am done with a chapter I have a pretty good handle on things. Would recommend this book for any one trying to make sense out of the first five books of the Old Testament.

I needed a book to study for a class that i was taking, and this was on the recommended list. I am pleased that I read the chapter on Leviticus, because it helped me to see the book from a Hebrew perspective.

It is one of several texts for a class I am currently taking. There's nothing special about it.

very good book

OT is not my skill set but Fretheim helps enormously. His overview of Genesis alone makes the purchase worthwhile, everything else is bonus.

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