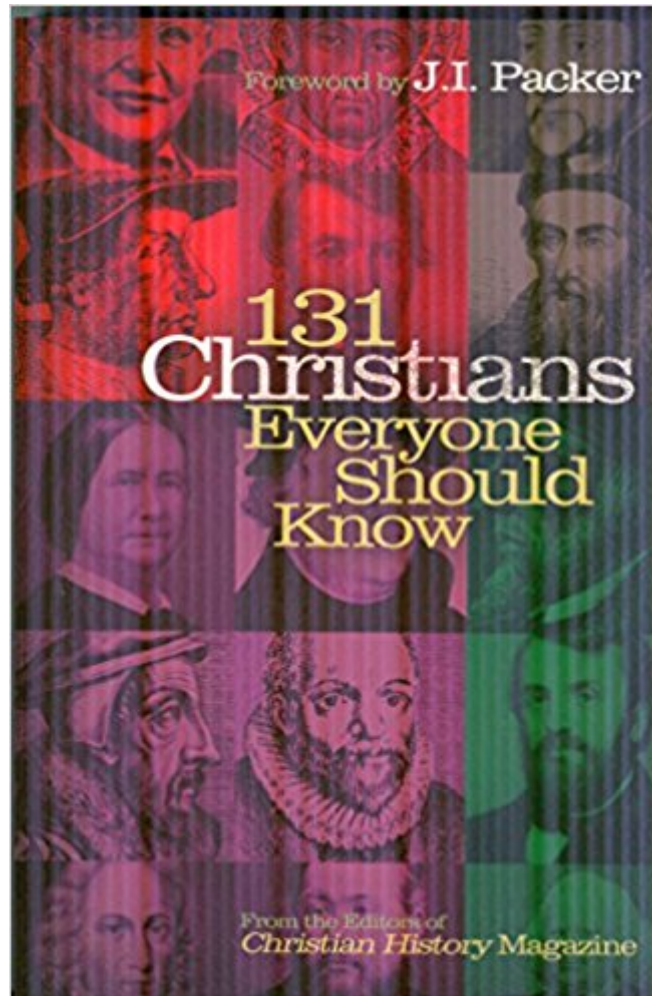




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This book offers a succinct yet thorough introduction to 131 of the most intriguing, courageous, inspiring Christians who ever lived. It tells how they lived, what they believed, and how their faith affected the course of world history. Includes a timeline with a historical context for each individual, key quotes from or about each personality, and more than 60 photos.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this book. Each essay is short, and can be read in 5-10 minutes. What impressed me about it was the scope of the people represented, They are grouped by their main focus: Theologians, Evangelists and Apologists, Pastors and Preachers, Musicians Artists and Writers, Poets, Denominational Founders, Movers And Shakers, Missionaries, Inner Travelers, Activists, Rulers, Scholars and Scientists, and finally Martyrs. What I found informative was how differently people have viewed God, the Church, and its mission over time. Even significant contemporaries who agreed on many points would still wind up on opposite sides of some arguments. Given how things have developed over the last 2000 years, the thought arises: Who are we to think we've got it all figured out now? Everyone over time has thought they had it all figured out! But that's the beauty of this book is to explore the people and positions they have taken over time and be able then, when thinking about issues, to put them in a historical perspective. So it's not only biography, but Church history and philosophy all in 131 bite size pieces.

Gives a very brief synopsis of the contributions of 131 Christians that left an indelible mark. Wish I could have had more on each one, but I also understand that there has to be limits on what can be given on each of them. Great starting point however.

A wonderfully inspirational book that I used each morning to round out my daily devotions. I highly recommend this book to everyone who needs saintly people to look up to for Christian guidance. Almost all of them are terribly flawed human beings just like me but chose to pursue a goal higher than their own ambition.

Joyce's husband Mike writing. This was a great walk through Christian history. It help connect key ideas and periods over the last 20 centuries.

Whether you are a Christian or not, this book is a priceless tool. It recounts historical information, gives personal traits to famous thinkers and activists, and puts events on the timeline in a new and fresh way. The book dedicates a few pages to each person so it's easy-to-read design makes it even more attractive. I highly recommend it for all.

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Was very informative about christians, but there are many they could have put in the book and left some of the others out. There were many that were doubtful if they really were christians. The authors were just grabbing at straws for drama.

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