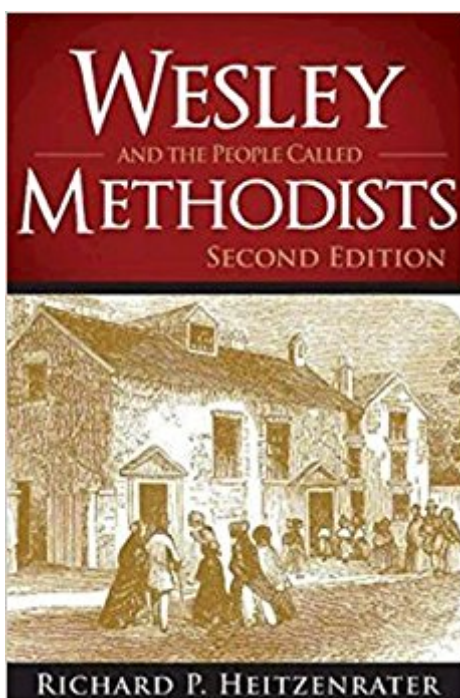


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Excellent reading. As someone brought up in a Methodist church, this filled in a great many gaps for me. Heitzenrater does an excellent job of producing a readable work on an important topic. I encourage anyone calling themselves a Methodist to read this one cover to cover. The only - only - thing I wish were included, perhaps as an appendix, is a compare/contrast exercise on true Wesleyan Methodism and contemporary Methodism. (To be clear, I'm defending neither one as

correct - just pointing out that there are some differences.) Certainly this will vary from church to church, but I think it would have been an illuminating discussion. Last, I am grateful to Heitzenrater for writing what I would describe as an agnostic, purely historical account. Almost never does Heitzenrater inject his own theology into the work. This is a work of non-fiction that allows the reader to draw their own conclusions rather than simply be spoon-fed the author's doctrines.

Very good synopsis of Wesley and the history of Methodism, especially as it relates directly to Wesley. I highly recommend this to anyone wanting to know more about the history of John Wesley or the background and roots of the Methodist faith. I used it for background to teach a Sunday School class on this very topic.

This is the first place you should look for information about the history of Methodism and the rise of the Wesleyan movement. Heitzenrater does a phenomenal job at making the complex history approachable. A must for every Methodist!

A very clear reading. Provides a great overview of the movement. This should be read by anyone wanting to understand the roots of Methodism.

I wanted further information on the start of the Methodist faith and this book was recommended. It filled that need very well.

There's a lot of information in this volume, most of it new to me. It's nice to know that John Wesley was a man in search of God, just like me.

The focus is more on Wesley than on the "people", but this is an excellent background piece for teaching the theology and history of Methodism.

It gave me a clear understanding of Wesley's determination to find his own way to Christ. Not just settling for others' beliefs.

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