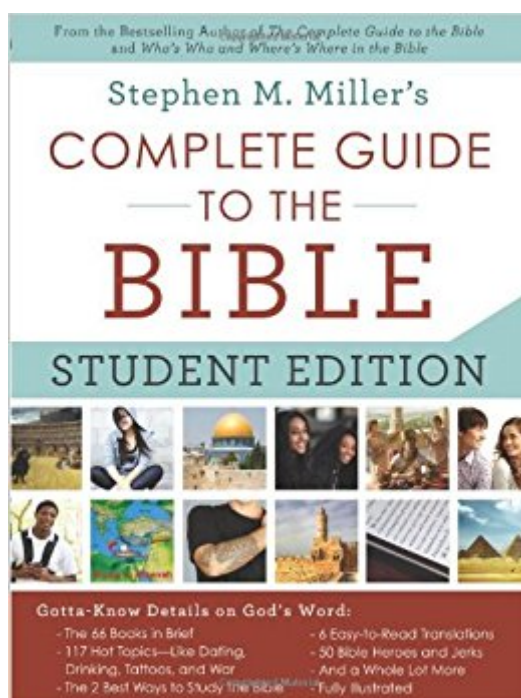


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# The Complete Guide To The Bible--Student Edition: Gotta-Know Details On God's Word



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Very user friendly and gives a good overview of each book of the Bible.

Easy transaction...great book

This book is 256 pages of teen-g geared bible overview. Miller highlights who wrote the Bible and gives its timeline; suggests some of the easier reading translations out there today; gives a cursory lesson in how to read the Bible (by the book or topically), and lists fifty key Bible characters (categorizing them as either heroes or jerks). While these snippets are interesting, the bulk of the book consists of a topical overview concerning issues today's teens have (more than 100) and a book by book overview. The former section is almost like a dictionary and contains Miller commentary, biblical examples, and scripture references; the selection is very applicable for today's teens and is sure to be worthwhile for those that are unfamiliar with a biblical perspective on these topics. The latter, the book by book overview, is, in my opinion, the bread and butter of the book as Miller gets into the Bible itself. To break down each book in about two pages apiece, Miller utilizes a five point structure: sum it up (summarizing the book's contents), 5 W's (Who wrote it? What's it about? When did it take place? Where? Why was it written?), the most famous quote, the biggest scene, and the biggest ideas (predominant themes). Also included are great images with each book

that bring out other key aspects or help to visualize an important scene (like maps, etc.). So how does it all fare? Well aesthetically, I love it. The design is attractive and, from my aged eyes, seems appealing to its target audience. Content-wise, I enjoyed the intro and mini-sections. Some of the topical stuff can come off as slightly generic, but I think that's the nature of broad topical overviews. I found most of the information here on subjects such as appearance, church, dating, lust, and partying agreeable. Of note, Miller does write with a particular conviction and does not necessarily to show both sides of an issue, so: when looking at tattoos, they're cast in a negative light; when looking at war, there's only the warring God of the Old Testament and a peace-bringing Jesus; when looking at tithing, it's shown to be unnecessary for the Christian. So, that can be good or bad, depending on your theology. For a teen with possibly an undeveloped and undefined set of beliefs, Miller could then be forming doctrine that may stick around in a young person's mind for a little while. My biggest concerns come from the book by book overview section. Some of the material Miller plugs into his aforementioned five point structure seems...well, odd. Here are some of his choices for the biggest scenes: Job sitting on the ash pile, not the God questioning at the end; running the race from Philippians, not the glorious scene where all tongues confessing Jesus Christ is Lord (ch. 2); the Peter rebuke of Galatians while certainly underrated, pales to the theological power gem in 2:20. Knowing then that there are some questionable selections, many of Miller's pics are spot-on: the ones in Acts, Romans, etc. Also, worthy of note, you will find some odd propositions peppered throughout the book. For example, Miller sees the Gospel of John as "Gospel 401." An interesting claim to justify in light of John 20:31, where John says he wrote his gospel so that his readers may believe; instead of 401, John is often considered primary, or 101-introductory reading for the unconverted. As one last example, Miller sees the Trinity as  $1+1+1=1$ . Technically, that would be a tri-partism.  $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$  is more appropriate. Perhaps a minor quibble here, but we are talking foundational Christian beliefs for teens; why not just present them with the right formula if we want to mathematically illustrate the Trinity? Are these criticisms deal-breakers? Not necessarily, as there isn't an exorbitant amount of competition in the space this book is looking to fill. I would recommend a parent, teacher, or church leader look over the book however before buying it for a youth or recommending it for a study. Also, while Miller mentions his college age daughter and high school age son as examples of who he wrote this book for, I see the book appropriate for middle schoolers as well (if not more so). Kids today grow up fast; consequently, many middle schoolers and tweens will be ready for the content in the topical section. And frankly, I think the book is too simplistic for college student, unless we're talking about a first year, 18 year old with absolutely no bible background. All in all, I really want to like this book, as it is very sharp and Miller had a great

idea, but with the concerns mentioned above, I'll settle on a 3 out of 5. As a note, I received an advance copy via NetGalley, courtesy of Barbour Publishing, Inc.

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