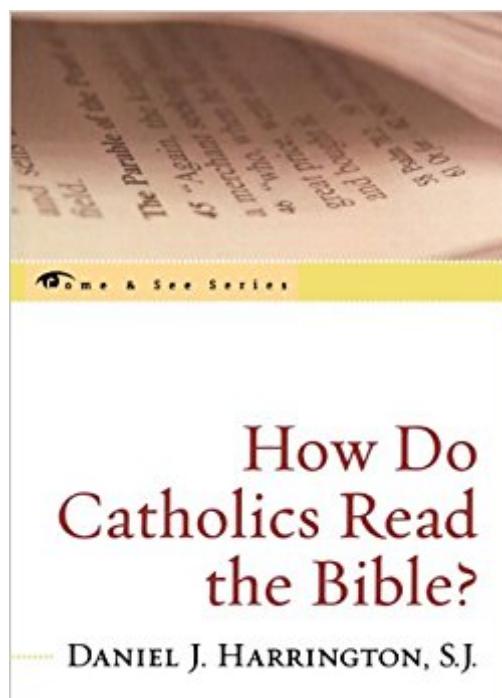


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# How Do Catholics Read The Bible? (The Come & See Series)



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Do Catholics really read the Bible? If so, how do they read it and is there anything unique about their approach? What role does the Bible play in Catholic life, teaching, and culture? As a leading Scripture scholar who also teaches students and preaches to everyday people, Fr. Daniel Harrington, S.J., has made it his life's mission to answer these and many related questions about the Bible and its relationship to Catholic life. Accessibly written, *How Do Catholics Read the Bible?* blends biblical scholarship with compelling personal anecdotes to equip readers with the tools they need to more fully engage Scripture and the Catholic tradition. With chapters on how the Catholic canon came to be, what the Church teaches about the Bible, appropriate methods for analyzing Scripture passages, and how to incorporate the Bible into everyday life, this book is ideal for individual or group use in parishes and classrooms. Each chapter concludes with questions for reflection and recommendations for further reading.

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A splendid companion to the Bible. A sure guide through issues that need to be understood if the reader is to appreciate how the Bible is 'the Word of God in human language.' (Emil A. Wcela, Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre and past President, Catholic Biblical Association) Dan Harrington has the uncanny ability to make the complex, understandable and the profound, accessible to ordinary readers. In this volume, he brings together wise reflections on methods of

interpreting Scripture today with examples from his own experience of interpreting Scripture for parish communities. How do Catholics Read the Bible is a reliable guide for every Catholic who has waited for a straightforward and clearly written introduction to reading the Bible in the Church today. (Barbara E. Bowe, R.S.C.J., Professor of Biblical Studies, Catholic Theological Union)A superb synthesis of Catholic views on biblical interpretation, written by one of the church's best practitioners. (The Bible Today)This volume, both concise and informative, constitutes a significant contribution to that pedagogical effort and is a splendid gift to general readers....In sum, both church and academy can welcome this book as a valuable vade mecum in biblical studies, as much for the informed access it provides to the thought of others as for Harrington's own exegesis. (Mark Kiley, April 2008 H-Net: Humanities and Social Science Reviews Online)This little volume is both interesting and enlightening....This book gives good insight to Roman Catholic interpretation. (James R. Walker Ph.D, Director of Web-Based Education and Associate Professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary)Harrington's book is a wonderfully clear, balanced, and accessible presentation of how the Catholic Church at its best understands and uses the Bible. This book should prove very helpful for a wide audience of Catholics and others who are interested in understanding the Bible in its historical contexts and, even more importantly, in their daily lives and in the life of the Church today. The book's style is always user-friendly. Harrington explains unfamiliar terms clearly and gives helpful examples of what he means. The book obviously reflects Harrington's thirty years of teaching, preaching, and praying over the biblical text. (Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., Professor of Theology, Loyola University Chicago)

Daniel J. Harrington, SJ (1940â "2014), was a well-known expert on the Bible, a Jesuit priest, and professor of New Testament at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. His other books with Sheed & Ward include Who is Jesus? Why is He Important?, Jesus and Virtue Ethics, and The Church According to the New Testament.

Fr. Harrington methodically lays out the basis for understanding what the Bible is, from where - or rather from Whom - it comes, and the many valid and invalid ways of looking at it. He very capably takes on a very complex and contested subject and provides in elegant but understandable language the means to see the Bible in clearer light, to inerrantly defend the Catholic approach to the Scriptures, and to embark on further serious study of this most sacred of sacred writings.I was introduced to this book for a short introductory course on the Scriptures. It brought quick and deep insight, greatly accelerating my understanding of the Bible.

This is one of the best, most applicable small books on approaching serious, sound Biblical study. It has many, many references for further study and has much definition. Daniel J. Harrington is very readable, understandable, and has so much educational knowledge to share. I am/have been pursuing other works of his, Raymond E Brown's, Fitzmyer's, Scott Hahn's, etc., available at .com. Though not Catholic per say, I have been learning from Catholic scholars/theologians--there's a world of truth and growth. I enjoy my Kindle Fire Tablet and LOGOS Bible Study Software. Blessings

I like Harrington's work, he writes crisply and clearly. This is a brief introduction to the topic, without being too superficial. A very extensive suggested reading list would lead the interested reader to deeper waters. The book also shows why Catholics need not avoid the Bible, and Harrington's style really invites even the reluctant or apprehensive reader to join in the regular and informed reading of scripture. The book may not turn you into a Biblical scholar, but it will hopefully assist some people to see the Bible through new eyes.

This book is exactly what the title promises. It is a short, readable, accessible introduction to the Catholic tradition's approach to reading the Bible. Perfect for beginners, it is wholly orthodox and remarkably clear, with a helpful dictionary of terms in the back. Written in popular style, it summarizes scholarly and theological views with remarkable precision. If you enjoy this book, Jesuit Father Harrington has a number of more detailed books, particularly in the historical-critical method. But this book is the perfect starting place for anyone who desires to read and know the Bible better, rather than dive into less practical scholarly disputes.

I purchased HOW DO CATHOLICS READ THE BIBLE from .com as a required text for an online course I'm taking. It contains a wealth of information for both new and cradle Catholics as to how we actually read and/or interpret what we read in the Bible. The author is a Jesuit Priest, also an expert in the Holy Scriptures having studied them most of his life, who teaches the subject as well. You don't have to be a student as I am; it's worth the read just for the knowledge contained therein.

Daniel Harrington, SJ died recently. He is a loss to the community of biblical scholars who can write for the non-scholars among us. If you haven't read it, get it soon while you still can.

Very practical for use by not only Catholics but other Christians as well in the reading of the Bible.

Chapters are short and concise with good advice and teachings.

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