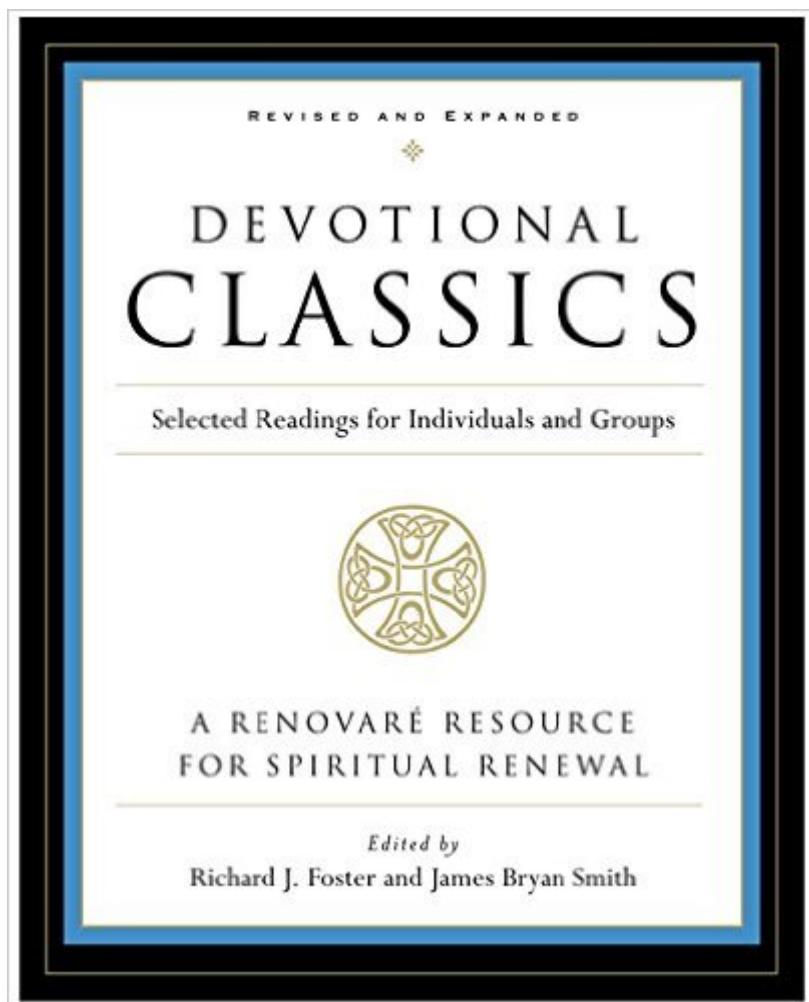


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Synopsis

Devotional Classics: Revised Edition is an updated and expanded edition of RenovarÃ©'s companion to the devotional life. Edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith, this version incorporates all six traditions, or "streams," that comprise a healthy and holistic life of Christian faith. The fifty-two selections in Devotional Classics have been organized to introduce the reader to the great Christian devotional writers over the course of one year, through an introduction and meditation by Foster, a related biblical passage, discussion questions, and individual and group exercises. Devotional Classics is indispensable for those looking for a deeper and more balanced spiritual life.

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Customer Reviews

Over the years I've made a habit of reading and using a variety of Christian devotional material. Most of it is average and ordinary, but a few are truly blessings. Foster and Smith's "Devotional Classics" is a devotional book that fits into the latter category. There's so much I could say about the book, but I'll summarize why this book could be beneficial to so many by making 5 points. 1. The devotional selections are taken from saints from all ages of the church. The saints range from Church Fathers such as Augustine and Chrysostom, to medieval and 16th-17th century writers such as Bernard of Clairvaux, Lancelot Andrewes, and John Calvin, to modern writers such as C.S. Lewis and Dallas Willard. 2. The selections introduce us to a wide variety of devotional writers who we are now free to investigate further for ourselves. Foster and Smith provide a brief background for each

devotional writer, before the devotional selection. 52 different writers are represented, coming from a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives. The selections are brief enough to read in a few minutes but long enough to give us a flavor of the person who is writing.³ The devotionals are grouped according to 6 sections that represent different spiritualities: "Preparing for the Spiritual Life," "The Prayer-Filled Life," "The Virtuous Life," "The Spirit-Empowered Life," "The Compassionate Life," and "The Word-Centered Life."⁴ There are additional helpful materials after each devotional selection: a relevant Bible passage, questions for reflection, and suggested exercises.⁵ The material can be used profitably by either individuals or groups, and the 52 readings could be read over the course of a year, one per week.

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