Must Read: John Bunyan - Pilgrim's Progress - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/1/30 16:00

I found a copy of Pilgrim's progress for 42 cents at a used book store. Even though it smells a little funny, the book has been an amazing wealth of encouragement.

Even though it was written more than three hundred years ago, it's a very easy read! It's really enjoyable... and one thing I noticed, even in the form of a narrative, it has more biblical lessons than most theology and teaching books!

After reading the first couple chapters I was wondering how it could keep going for so long, since it feels like it reaches a climax every chapter, but the next chapter is even better every time!

Everyone should definitely read this book!

I don't know if you'll be able to find it for 42 cents like I did, but you can read it for free here: http://www.ccel.org/ccel/bunyan/pilgrim.html

Re: Must Read: John Bunyan - Pilgrim's Progress - posted by ccchhhrrrilisss (), on: 2007/1/30 17:20

Hi iansmith...

I was "forced" to read Pilgrim's Progress in a public High School shortly after meeting Christ. I had never heard of the book and was afraid that it would be less than favorable about the Lord. However, I was brought to tears by the passages written by John Bunyan. It is certainly a classic and should be read by as many believers as possible!

My girlfriend (originally from Mexico) had difficulty reading the old English, so I was able to purchase a copy in modern English. She treasures the book!

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Re: Must Read: John Bunyan - Pilgrim's Progress - posted by vico, on: 2007/1/30 17:31

besides the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress is probably the best book I've ever read!

I've read it many times over the past few years. The first time I remember reading it was when I was six or seven. We owned a simplified version for children, it didn't leave anything out and a young child could understand it. I think A Beka books published it. Since then I've read the complete unabridged version (it's kinda like reading the KJV ;-) )

but yeah, it's excellent, there are no unnecessary words, in everything written there is something to learn, a truth revealed.

I've even listened to it dramatized on audio (maybe this site has it)!

for those who haven't read it yet, I would definitely recommend it!

Bless God!
Re: Pilgrim's Progress - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/1/30 21:35
I would have to go along with the others on my love of this book. An excellent read.
If you like this book you might like another wonderful allegory called "Hind's Feet on High Places" by Hannah Hurnard. I have read it about a dozen times.
Blessings my friends

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/1/31 11:08
I'd be interested to here the dramatized version, anyone know where to get it?

Re: - posted by vico, on: 2007/1/31 12:07
a friend of mine is going to give it to me on MP3 maybe i could get it to you somehow!

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/1/31 12:21
Quote:
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Here ya go
(http://www.sermonaudio.com/source_prodinfo.asp?PIDle121043219) Dramatized Pilgrim's Progress

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/1/31 14:04
Eep! $29.99! I guess I should have expected as much. I found some free audio versions floating around, although not dramatized. I haven't had a chance to listen to any of them yet though.

Re: , on: 2007/1/31 16:07
We picked up both Pt. 1 and 2 at Hope Christian Fellowship in Loveland, CO a couple years ago. I know that pt. 2 was done by Jim Pappas. You might check with Phil Lapp and see if he can direct you to their tape ministry (they accept donations). Phil Lapp, Phone: 970-567-3032; Email: pklapp@juno.com.
I've also seen another ministry offer these cassette tapes on a donation basis...so I know there are some places that you can get them at a slightly better price. ;-) I also want to highly recommend The Holy War. I think I almost liked it better than Pilgrim's Progress...almost. :-)

Re: - posted by Provost, on: 2007/1/31 17:32
I just wanna throw in "I love this book!"
I think this book will be a lifetime read

Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2007/1/31 17:56
Well I work for a Christian ministry that charges money for our services (what I can't say to our customers is that in 39 years we haven't turned a profit... our goals are usually based on how much we can afford to lose per year).

I understand that some Christian educational material is priced so that they can pay for the cost of production, but I also know that some is priced to make a profit. The hardest part is discerning which is the case!
In the case of this audio cd, I really can't see myself paying 29.99, partly because I don't have that kind of expendable money (that's more than I spend on food for a week). But more importantly because I own a copy of the book, and my imagination is usually better than someone else's interpretation! Plus as I mentioned before, the book only cost 42 cents!
I really can't justify spending another 30 dollars on something I already own. Also, for the same price I could get all those KP Yohannan 'Walking with Jesus' books that I've wanted!