

**General Topics :: Questions about the 'Puritan Paperbacks' series of books****Questions about the 'Puritan Paperbacks' series of books - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/9/4 19:32**

Just wondering...could anyone tell me a little bit about the 'Puritan Paperbacks' series of books? I recently noticed that the entire 38 book series could be purchased for \$209.95, (http://www.solid-ground-books.com/books_PuritanClassicsInPaperback.asp) here and while I may not opt to get them all, I am extremely interested in quite a few of them.

But before buying so many, I was wondering:

Are they abridgements?

If so, would you still recommend them?

How is the quality? I know they are paperbacks, but there are degrees of quality on these as well.

Any and all info is greatly appreciated. Tell about your favorites if you like.

Grace and peace

Re: Questions about the 'Puritan Paperbacks' series of books - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2008/9/4 20:02

If you have the funds to do it, I recommend them highly.

Re: - posted by mamaluk, on: 2008/9/4 20:16

A few I really enjoyed are,

The Mystery of Providence by John Flavel
Letters of Samuel Rutherford by Samuel Rutherford
Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices by Thomas Brooks
The Acceptable Sacrifice by John Bunyan
Apostasy from the Gospel by John Owen
Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment by Jeremiah Burroughs

I think that Flavel, Owen, Bunyan, Burroughs and Brooks are "must" read, just extraordinary !!

I ordered another copy of Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment, published by Sovereign Grace Publishers, but I prefer the ones published by Banner of Truth Trust.

Im sure brother Paul West would (edit) be able to share a whole lot more on this.

Definitely money well spent, pass them on to your children..even better. My daughter is reading them now.

In Christ,
Margaret

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Re: Questions about the 'Puritan Paperbacks' series of books - posted by Fuegodedios (), on: 2008/9/4 20:17

TJ. Please if you get a chance pick them up. I have started to purchase them one by one. My first book was by Ralph Venning called the sinfulness of sin. the original title of the book was called sin: the plague of plagues. My next purchase will be Owens Mortification of Sin and I cannot wait to read it. So do yourself a favor and pick them up. I do think that most are abridged versions. Be blessed dear brother

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2008/9/4 22:48

I am a big fan of the Puritan Paperbacks. Banner always does a great job with them.

Some of the longer and more prolix books are thoughtfully abridged or lightly modernized (never in noticeable ways), but their original-version counterparts are also available. Most of the books, so far as I know, are almost unchanged.

Binding and print quality are the best I've found in any paperbacks. They withstand multiple readings, highlighting and note taking.

Monergism.com offers the whole series in their book store and allows you a place to read reviews and information about them.

Re: Questions about the 'Puritan Paperbacks' series of books - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2008/9/5 3:54

I would also highly recommend them, I have a few by John Bunyan and they are a great little series of books. :-)

Re: - posted by Lawevangelis (), on: 2008/9/5 11:07

They are abridged, but they are usually edited by credible scholars and they edit them so that they are more easily readable, as opposed to the original 17th century editions.

I have several used copies in good readable condition for sale. Just send me a PM if you're interested.

Jon

Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2008/9/5 13:26

Hey brother,

I have around a dozen of them.

I do not think they are all abridged. The only one that comes to mind that says it is abridged is John Owen's "Mortification of Sin". But, you may want to research this more... either way, I didn't feel like I was missing anything!

I have marked up and highlighted all over The Godly Man's Picture and it is still holding up fine.

Some of my favorites are:

The Godly Man's Picture by Thomas Watson
The Great Gain of Godliness by Thomas Watson
Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices by Thomas Brooks