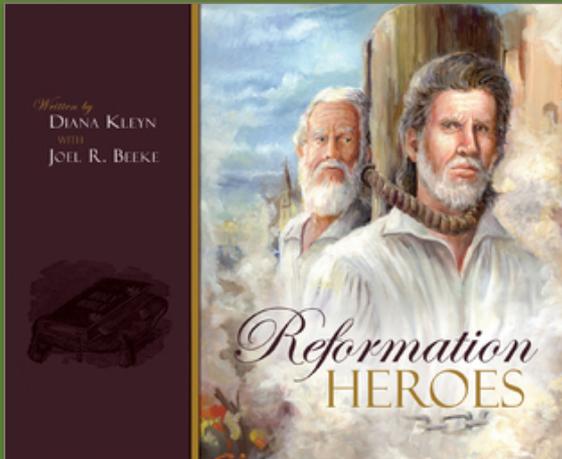


HAOSHU REVIEW

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Haoshu Rating

Get to know Reformation personalities

Who: Church history enthusiasts looking for a concise overview of the Reformation; great for family worship or devotions

Why: 34 'read to me' kid-friendly chapters (250 pages)

Where: \$22.50 at Tulip Reformed Book Centre, msg 8123 1635 or contact@etulip.org

Reformation Heroes is ...

An illustrated overview of people who assisted in the great work on the Reformation. It reads like a compilation of short biographies rather than a rambling chronology.

You'll find an accessible historical timeline on the covers of the book starting from 1150 with Peter Waldo and ending in 1650 with the end of the reign of King James VI (who the King James Bible is named after).

You'll gain a deeper respect for the doctrines of the Reformation and the freedom of worship we enjoy today - many people suffered and gave up their lives so that the gospel would be proclaimed and read everywhere by everyone.

The authors wrote it with the intention of teaching a general knowledge of the Reformation and the events leading up to it. They also wanted to present the life stories of the Reformers - who are still genuine heroes and helpful mentors - to inspire the next generation of Christians.

Perhaps you did not realise ...

The Reformation did not happen all at once. While we commemorate the day Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the church doors of Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, the Lord was at work many centuries before that planting the seed of the Reformation - and sustaining it for more than 100 years after. You'll read about well-known figures like Huss, Tyndale, Knox

and Calvin as well as Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley and the authors of the Heidelberg Catechism Caspar Olevianus and Zacharias Ursinus.

Suitable for all ages - really!

The book was written for older children and teens but many young adults have benefited from leafing through its pages. Children between 7-8 years enjoy having their parents read it to them at bedtime or at the dinner table for family worship. A glossary is provided at the back of the book for easy reference.

And if you needed a few more reasons

The appendix contains a list of study questions which can be used for dinner table discussion, Sunday School quizzes or self-reflection. Church history buffs will be delighted to find an extensive bibliography of additional reading and references. If you are looking for a succinct history of the Reformation, TM Lindsay's 'The Reformation' published by the Banner of Truth is the next book to read.

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