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Autobiography Of George Fox



Synopsis

The Autobiography of George Fox is a great Christian autobiography similar to Augustine's Confessions. George Fox, the founder of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakerism, tells of the key events in his life, focusing on his own religious beliefs and the struggles he faced for them in this lightly edited Autobiography. As a "positive" mystic, someone who believes that each person can have direct, continual access to the "Divine Presence," Fox was often persecuted for his preaching during his travels. Nevertheless, he remained dedicated to his cause of equality and tolerance even after he was imprisoned several times. For this reason, many believers have found Fox's story of perseverance encouraging and uplifting, as well as thoroughly entertaining due to Fox's gift of storytelling. The Autobiography of George Fox is highly recommended.

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Customer Reviews

This book has been around a LONG time and it's really appreciated having a digital copy. I can read this on my phone, computer, Android tablet, whatever. George Fox is an important figure to Quakers (my faith also) and his autobiography and the writings of many early Quakers as the closest things Friends (the true name of Quakers) have to a doctrine or creed. Thanks for putting it out there this way. None Quakers can learn a great deal from Fox as well.

I'm from another denomination, and have recently started pastoring a Quaker church (as "special assignment" for that other denomination I'm still a part of)... and so before I started pastoring, I thought I would respectfully try to study myself into quakerism, and I thought the best way to do it was go to the guy that apparently started it all. From the journals of George Fox, I guess I just find myself too far removed from 17th century England that maybe I'm not following his thinking. Maybe I need a history book on this time next to me to really appreciate the guy's thoughts. I say this with all sincerity and no sarcasm: I feel like that perhaps some mental problem (illness?) played a part in writing his thoughts. He seems like a loner who can't agree with anyone, so he makes his own church. I felt like I was reading a Christianized, toned-down version of Catcher in the Rye. I found Fox to be very judgmental, and simply because I didn't have the unfiltered version of his life, made me wonder how real his problems were. There were other splits in Christian history that were a bit more up-front and reasonable. Nevertheless, you find yourself impressed by SOME thoughts, and can pull out a few one-liners that look good in the church-bulletin. But when it comes down to it, Fox, to me, does not stand out in history as prominent as Luther, Wesley, Calvin, and the like. I'm one from a theological background in which the general population (of this certain theological background) doesn't appreciate Luther or Calvin, so for me to recognize those two names might show you that I'm not extremely loyal to theological stances as instead I try to be loyal to the truth and Bible.

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