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In the 1500s, a man named Martin Luther saw problems in the way the Roman Catholic Church was run. He argued against the teachings of the Church during a time when doing so was punishable by death. Readers can learn about his courageous and honorable life as he fought against the Catholic church and its ideals and strived for Protestant Reformation in this captivating biography that features easy-to-read text, intriguing facts, and striking images. The glossary, index, and table of contents helps children navigate their way through

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book and better understand some of the concepts discussed such as Luther's Ninety-Five Theses and the Black Cloister Monastery.

When asked by his barber and good friend, Peter Beskendorf for some practical guidance on how to prepare oneself for prayer, Luther responded by writing this brief treatise, first published in the spring of 1535. After 500 years, his instruction continues to offer words of spiritual nurture for today.

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 There are two conundrums that make a beginning difficult to establish for the story of Martin Luther. The first is that we cannot determine the y

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in which he was born, although we are sure of the date. The second is that he was baptized on November 11, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, but his parents did not know that was the same day as the birth of St. Martin. #2 Martin Luther was born in the final year of the reign of Pope Sixtus IV, one of a series of six popes who were comically bungling and scandalous. But for the name his parents had given him, there is nothing in the childhood or the upbringing of Martin Luther to suggest him as a candidate for the extraordinary life that followed. #3 The first of these is that Martin was born into a family of peasants. However, archaeological discoveries have shown that his father was a successful entrepreneur who owned several smelting works and moved to Eisleben with

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young wife, Margarethe. #4 The Ludhers were no more or religious than most people of their time and social station, which is to say they took God and the church very serious. They almost certainly had a shrine in their home to Saint Anne, which was the name of Mary's mother.

Martin Luther (10 November 1483–18 February 1546) was German professor of theology, composer, priest, monk, and seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation. In 'A Treatise on Good Works,' Luther presents a clear and accessible introduction to his deeply influential theology. Offering simple and direct principles for Christian living, he defines good works as all activities intended to help maintain the church. The work preaches deep and profound moral lessons to hu

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beings everywhere. Luther preaches that good work require complete faith in God. For the reward of kindness to be received either in this world or the hereafter, one must have complete trust in oneself and in the mightiness of God. Luther's transformational idea of justification by faith alone was often misunderstood and misrepresented in the early years of the Reformation. In 1520, with his Wittenberg congregation in mind, Luther set out to clarify the biblical foundation of good works. In doing so he recast the very definitions of 'sacred' and 'secular' both for his own generation and ours. The book is the second of an occasional series of guides to Reformation treatises. Luther's main goal was to commend new, down-to-earth piety to all Christians. This piety was n

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because at its center was a radically different meaning of works that would transform the way believers practiced the faith. But while Luther maintains that good works are important, he also argues that salvation only comes from faith in God's grace.

Reformation

With the Pertinent Documents from the History of the Reformation

Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses

The Rise of Martin Luther and the Birth of the Reformation
Communicates essential teachings of Martin Luther,
conveying significant spiritual insight into the grace

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of God and liberating faith in Christ Jesus, in a counter-cultural and down-to-earth guide that is accessible to young adult readers in an inexpensive pocket-sized format. Original.

Famous for setting in motion the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther is often lifted high as a hero or condemned as a rebel. But underneath it all, he was a man of flesh and blood, with a deep longing to live for God. This biography by respected Reformation scholar Herman Selderhuis captures Luther in his original context and follows him on his spiritual journey, from childhood through the Reformation to his influential later years. Combining Luther's own words with engaging narrative

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designed to draw the reader into Luther's world, this spiritual biography brings to life the complex and dynamic personality that forever changed the history of the church.

The sixteenth-century theologian who sparked the Protestant Reformation offers an accessible introduction to his views on faith, good works, and salvation. In 1517, German theologian Martin Luther posted ninety-five complaints against the Roman Catholic Church—his famous Ninety-Five Theses—to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg. This simple act of protest sparked the global movement known as the Protestant Reformation, dramatically changing the course of Christianity and altering the

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fate of nations. In *A Treatise on Good Works*, Luther presents a clear and accessible introduction to his deeply influential theology. Offering simple and direct principles for Christian living, he defines good works as all activities intended to help maintain the church. But while Luther maintains that good works are important, he also argues that salvation only comes from faith in God's grace.

From "one of the best of the new [Martin Luther] biographers" (*The New Yorker*), a portrait of the complicated founding father of the Protestant Reformation, whose intellectual assault on Catholicism transformed Christianity and changed the course of world history. "Magnificent."—*The Wall*

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Street Journal “Penetrating.”—The New York Times Book Review “Smart, accessible, authoritative.”—Hilary Mantel On October 31, 1517, so the story goes, a shy monk named Martin Luther nailed a piece of paper to the door of the Castle Church in the university town of Wittenberg. The ideas contained in these Ninety-five Theses, which boldly challenged the Catholic Church, spread like wildfire. Within two months, they were known all over Germany. So powerful were Martin Luther’s broadsides against papal authority that they polarized a continent and tore apart the very foundation of Western Christendom. Luther’s ideas inspired upheavals whose consequences we live with

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today. But who was the man behind the Ninety-five Theses? Lyndal Roper's magisterial new biography goes beyond Luther's theology to investigate the inner life of the religious reformer who has been called "the last medieval man and the first modern one." Here is a full-blooded portrait of a revolutionary thinker who was, at his core, deeply flawed and full of contradictions. Luther was a brilliant writer whose biblical translations had a lasting impact on the German language. Yet he was also a strident fundamentalist whose scathing rhetorical attacks threatened to alienate those he might persuade. He had a colorful, even impish personality, and when he left the monastery to get

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married (“to spite the Devil,” he explained), he wooed and wed an ex-nun. But he had an ugly side too. When German peasants rose up against the nobility, Luther urged the aristocracy to slaughter them. He was a ferocious anti-Semite and a virulent misogynist, even as he argued for liberated human sexuality within marriage. A distinguished historian of early modern Europe, Lyndal Roper looks deep inside the heart of this singularly complex figure. The force of Luther’s personality, she argues, had enormous historical effects—both good and ill. By bringing us closer than ever to the man himself, she opens up a new vision of the Reformation and the world it created and draws a fully three-dimensional

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portrait of its founder.

Martin Luther 6-Pack

Martin Luther and John Calvin

Characters of the Reformation

Reformation's Rib

Essential Writings of the Reformation

This book explores the roots and relevance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s approach to black suffering. King's conviction that "unearned suffering is redemptive" reflects a nearly 250-year-old tradition in the black church going back to the earliest Negro spirituals. From the bellies of slave ships, the foot of the lynching tree, and the back of segregated buses, black Christians have always maintained the hope that God could "make a way out of no way" and somehow bring good from the

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evils inflicted on them. As a product of the black church tradition, King inherited this widespread belief, developed it using Protestant liberal concepts, and deployed it throughout the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's as a central pillar of the whole non-violent movement. Recently, critics have maintained that King's doctrine of redemptive suffering creates a martyr mentality which makes victims passive in the face of their suffering; this book argues against that critique. King's concept offers real answers to important challenges, and it offers practical hope and guidance for how beleaguered black citizens can faithfully engage their suffering today.

Though most of the Protestant world can trace its roots back to the Reformation, many people today have only a vague knowledge of Martin Luther's writings. "Didn't he write the

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Ninety-Five Theses?" Jack Kilcrease and Erwin Lutzer step into this vacuum with a carefully selected collection of Luther's works. Centered around the five solas of the Reformation (sola Scriptura, sola fide, sola gratia, sola Christus, soli Deo gloria), the selections offer readers an accessible primer on works that are foundational to the theology of Protestantism in all its forms. Introductions to each writing include an explanation of the historical context and the theological significance of the piece. Students of the Bible, pastors, teachers, and seminary students will find this collection an enlightening introduction to Luther in his own words and a useful addition to their libraries. The sixteenth-century German friar whose public conflict with the medieval Roman Church triggered the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther was neither an unblemished saint

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nor a single-minded religious zealot according to this provocative new biography by Scott Hendrix. The author presents Luther as a man of his time: a highly educated scholar and teacher and a gifted yet flawed human being driven by an optimistic yet ultimately unrealized vision of “true religion.” This bold, insightful account of the life of Martin Luther provides a new perspective on one of the most important religious figures in history, focusing on Luther’s entire life, his personal relationships and political motivations, rather than on his theology alone. Relying on the latest research and quoting extensively from Luther’s correspondence, Hendrix paints a richly detailed portrait of an extraordinary man who, while devout and courageous, had a dark side as well. No recent biography in English explores as fully the life and work of

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Martin Luther long before and far beyond the controversial posting of his 95 Theses in 1517, an event that will soon be celebrated as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

When Martin Luther published his 95 Theses in October 1517, he had no intention of starting a revolution. But very quickly his criticism of indulgences became a rejection of the papacy and the Catholic Church emphasizing the Bible as the sole authority for Christian faith, radicalizing a continent, fracturing the Holy Roman Empire, and dividing Western civilization in ways Luther—a deeply devout professor and spiritually-anxious Augustinian friar—could have never foreseen, nor would he have ever endorsed. From Germany to England, Luther’s ideas inspired spontaneous but sustained uprisings and insurrections against civic and religious leaders alike, pitted Catholics against

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Protestants, and because the Reformation movement extended far beyond the man who inspired it, Protestants against Protestants. The ensuing disruptions prompted responses that gave shape to the modern world, and the unintended and unanticipated consequences of the Reformation continue to influence the very communities, religions, and beliefs that surround us today. How Luther inadvertently fractured the Catholic Church and reconfigured Western civilization is at the heart of renowned historian Brad Gregory's Rebel in the Ranks. While recasting the portrait of Luther as a deliberate revolutionary, Gregory describes the cultural, political, and intellectual trends that informed him and helped give rise to the Reformation, which led to conflicting interpretations of the Bible, as well as the rise of competing churches, political

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conflicts, and social upheavals across Europe. Over the next five hundred years, as Gregory's account shows, these conflicts eventually contributed to further epochal changes—from the Enlightenment and self-determination to moral relativism, modern capitalism, and consumerism, and in a cruel twist to Luther's legacy, the freedom of every man and woman to practice no religion at all. With the scholarship of a world-class historian and the keen eye of a biographer, Gregory offers readers an in-depth portrait of Martin Luther, a reluctant rebel in the ranks, and a detailed examination of the Reformation to explain how the events that transpired five centuries ago still resonate—and influence us—today.

95 Theses

Renegade and Prophet

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A Treatise on Good Works

Three Treatises

The Power of Unearned Suffering

*Includes pictures. *Explains Luther and Calvin's theological beliefs and their break with the Catholic Church.

*Includes a Bibliography for further reading. Born shortly after the invention of the printing press, Luther became one of Europe's best selling authors, along with others like Erasmus, and his theology was mass

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produced across Europe. He strongly disputed the claim that freedom from God's punishment of sin could be purchased with money, known as indulgences, and he confronted indulgence salesman Johann Tetzel with his Ninety-Five Theses in 1517, one of the most important religious writings of all time. His refusal to retract all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms

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in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the Pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the emperor. Luther, of course, did not back down. Although the story about him nailing 95 Theses to a church door is almost surely apocryphal, Luther continued that salvation is not earned by good deeds but received only as a free gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer from sin. His theology also continued to directly

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challenge the Pope's authority by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge. John Calvin (1509–1564) was one of the most important religious figures of the last millennium and an instantly recognizable name across the globe. Calvin was an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation, and the period when he was most active, the 1530s and 1540s, was marked by increased

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complexity and the diffusion of the Reformation into several branches. Alongside Martin Luther, Calvin was one of the central Reformers, and after fleeing to Basel, Switzerland, he published the Institutes of the Christian Religion in 1536. Calvin was a tireless and controversial worker who corresponded with other leading reformers of the day, but he was also a deeply theological man who published his own interpretations and teachings

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on Scripture. Today, he is chiefly remembered for the religious proponents that bear his name as Calvinists, and their steadfast devotion to the doctrine of predestination and the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation of the human soul from death and eternal damnation. Like anybody whose life was so influential, Calvin and Luther have both been the subject of many myths and legends, all of which have come to obscure the actual

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historical figures, even while they maximize the importance of their accomplishments. Martin Luther and John Calvin provides an objective and comprehensive overview of both men's lives and legacies.

This volume includes the texts of Erasmus's 1524 diatribe against Luther, *De Libero Arbitrio*, and Luther's violent counterattack, *De Servo Arbitrio*. E. Gordon Rupp and Philip Watson offer commentary on these texts

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as well. Long recognized for the quality of its translations, introductions, explanatory notes, and indexes, the Library of Christian Classics provides scholars and students with modern English translations of some of the most significant Christian theological texts in history. Through these works--each written prior to the end of the sixteenth century--contemporary readers are able to engage the ideas that have shaped

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Christian theology and the church through the centuries.

This definitive biography reveals the complicated inner life of the founding father of the Protestant Reformation, whose intellectual assault on Catholicism ushered in a century of upheaval that transformed Christianity and changed the course of world history. On October 31, 1517, so the story goes, a shy monk named Martin Luther nailed a piece of paper to the

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door of the Castle Church in the university town of Wittenberg. The ideas contained in these Ninety-five Theses, which boldly challenged the Catholic Church, spread like wildfire. Within two months, they were known all over Germany. So powerful were Martin Luther's broadsides against papal authority that they polarized a continent and tore apart the very foundation of Western Christendom. Luther's ideas inspired upheavals whose

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consequences we live with today.
Concerning Christian Liberty by Martin Luther. NEW COMPETE EDITION - MARTIN LUTHER
Among those monstrous evils of this age with which I have now for three years been waging war, I am sometimes compelled to look to you and to call you to mind, most blessed father Leo. In truth, since you alone are everywhere considered as being the cause of my engaging in war, I cannot at any time fail to remember you; and

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although I have been compelled by the
causeless raging of your impious
flatterers against me to appeal from
your seat to a future council—fearless
of the futile decrees of your
predecessors Pius and Julius, who in
their foolish tyranny prohibited such
an action—yet I have never been so
alienated in feeling from your
Blessedness as not to have sought with
all my might, in diligent prayer and
crying to God, all the best gifts for

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you and for your see. But those who have hitherto endeavoured to terrify me with the majesty of your name and authority, I have begun quite to despise and triumph over. One thing I see remaining which I cannot despise, and this has been the reason of my writing anew to your Blessedness: namely, that I find that blame is cast on me, and that it is imputed to me as a great offence, that in my rashness I am judged to have spared not even your

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person. Now, to confess the truth openly, I am conscious that, whenever I have had to mention your person, I have said nothing of you but what was honourable and good. If I had done otherwise, I could by no means have approved my own conduct, but should have supported with all my power the judgment of those men concerning me, nor would anything have pleased me better, than to recant such rashness and impiety. I have called you Daniel

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in Babylon; and every reader thoroughly knows with what distinguished zeal I defended your conspicuous innocence against Silvester, who tried to stain it. Indeed, the published opinion of so many great men and the repute of your blameless life are too widely famed and too much revered throughout the world to be assailable by any man, of however great name, or by any arts. I am not so foolish as to attack one whom everybody praises; nay, it has been and

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always will be my desire not to attack even those whom public repute disgraces. I am not delighted at the faults of any man, since I am very conscious myself of the great beam in my own eye, nor can I be the first to cast a stone at the adulteress.

A Simple Way to Pray

Treatise on Good Works Luther

Brand Luther

The Roots and Implications of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Theodicy

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Concerning Christian Liberty

One of the most important texts of Martin Luther. Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount is a very rich text in biblical and illuminating knowledge about Chapter 5 of Matthew, one of the most beautiful biblical passages and the beautiful expression of Christianity.

October 2017 marks five hundred years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg and launched the Protestant Reformation. At least, that's what the legend says. But with a figure like Martin Luther, who looms so large in the historical

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imagination, it's hard to separate the legend from the life, or even sometimes to separate assorted legends from each other. Over the centuries, Luther the man has given way to Luther the icon, a polished bronze figure on a pedestal. In A World Ablaze, Craig Harline introduces us to the flesh-and-blood Martin Luther. Harline tells the riveting story of the first crucial years of the accidental crusade that would make Luther a legendary figure. He didn't start out that way; Luther was a sometimes-cranky friar and professor who worried endlessly about the fate of his eternal soul. He sought answers in the Bible and the Church

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fathers, and what he found distressed him even more -- the way many in the Church had come to understand salvation was profoundly wrong, thought Luther, putting millions of souls, not least his own, at risk of damnation. His ideas would pit him against numerous scholars, priests, bishops, princes, and the Pope, even as others adopted or adapted his cause, ultimately dividing the Church against itself. A World Ablaze is a tale not just of religious debate but of political intrigue, of shifting alliances and daring escapes, with Luther often narrowly avoiding capture, which might have led to execution. The conflict would eventually

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encompass the whole of Christendom and served as the crucible in which a new world was forged. The Luther we find in these pages is not a statue to be admired but a complex figure -- brilliant and volatile, fretful and self-righteous, curious and stubborn. Harline brings out the immediacy, uncertainty, and drama of his story, giving readers a sense of what it felt like in the moment, when the ending was still very much in doubt. The result is a masterful recreation of a momentous turning point in the history of the world.

Martin Luther (1483-1546) is a name that is synonymous with reformation. His 1517 posting

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of ninety-five theses on the door of All Saints church in Wittenburg changed the course of history forever. In his theses, Luther objects to the Roman Catholic Church and its practice of selling indulgences, as well as the idea that money could buy one's way to salvation. His controversial ideas inspired the Reformation and influenced the Lutheran and Protestant ideologies. Most of Luther's books were ordered to be burned, however, a copy of his "Table Talk" (originally titled "Divine Discourses") was found under the foundation of a German home in 1626. It contains a series of informal conversations recorded by Luther's students and

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colleagues in his home, and illustrates the reformist's firm beliefs on religious doctrine, history, academics and history, to name a few. These selections expound some of Martin Luther's most profound ideas, completely uncensored.

The sixteenth-century document that changed the course of Christianity. Monk and theology professor Martin Luther found himself in disagreement with the Roman Catholic Church on the subject of indulgences—certificates sold by the Church that promised to spare their owners from punishment for their sins. With his 95 Theses, Luther proposed a debate on the

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subject, but ultimately, he was excommunicated and the Protestant Reformation began. This is both a religious document and a historical one—a turning point that marked a challenge to papal authority, set off political conflicts and bloody war in Europe, and led to the remarkable variety of Christian denominations and sects that exist in the world today.

Summary of Eric Metaxas's Martin Luther 1517, Printing, and the Making of the Reformation

The Oxford Handbook of the Protestant Reformations

Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the

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Conflicts That Continue to Shape Our World ***Martin Luther***

"The text that follows is loosely based on the English translation of Adolph Spaeth, L D. Reed, and Henry Eyster Jacobs."

Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the church door at Wittenberg in 1517. In the three years that followed, Luther clarified and defended his position in numerous writings. Chief among these are the three treatises written in 1520. In these writings Luther tried to frame his ideas in terms that would be comprehensible not only to the clergy but to people from a wide range of backgrounds. To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation is an attack on the corruption of the church and the abuses of its authority, bringing to light many of the underlying reasons for the Reformation. The second treatise, The

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Babylonian Captivity of the Church, contains Luther's sharp criticism of the sacramental system of the Catholic church. The Freedom of a Christian gives a concise presentation of Luther's position on the doctrine of justification by faith. The translations of these treatises are all taken from the American edition of Luther's Works. This new edition of Three Treatises will continue to be a popular resource for individual study, church school classes, and college and seminary courses.

We like to remember the Middle Ages as a magical time of knights in shining armor, fair damsels in distress, and heroic quests to worlds unknown. Actually, life in the Middle Ages was dirty, disgusting, and downright dangerous. Death was everywhere in the 1500s. Because lives were short and unpredictable, people clung to the hope of eternal life. There

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was only one church in Western Europe""the Roman Catholic Church. The leaders of the church taught people to fear God. And people feared God and Hell above all else. They saw God as distant and remote. When they attended church, the service was in Latin, not the language of the people. They observed but did not participate in the Mass. Some leaders of the church were deceitful. Monks, friars, and even the pope swindled people out of their life savings. One of the worst offenders was Johann Tetzel. In his one-man show, he hawked "tickets to heaven" or indulgences. Many people paid large sums for these worthless pieces of paper. When a young monk discovered that members of his parish were being deceived, he became angry. His name was Martin Luther. He challenged the practices of the church. His actions would change not only the church but the

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world forever.

No historical study of current issues—in politics or social science or theology—can far proceed without bringing the student face to face with the principles asserted by the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century and its great leader, Martin Luther. He has had many critics and many champions, but neither his critics nor his champions feel that the last word concerning him has been spoken, for scarcely a year passes that does not witness the publication of a new biography. Had Luther been nothing more than a man of his own time and his own nation the task of estimating him would long since have been completed. A few exhaustive treatises would have answered all demands. But the Catalogue of the British Museum, published in 1894, contains over two hundred folio

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pages, averaging about thirty-five titles to the page, of books and pamphlets written either by or about him, that have been gathered into this single collection, in a land foreign to the sphere of his labors, and this list has been greatly augmented since 1894. Above all other historical characters that have appeared since the first years of Christianity, he is a man of the present day no less than of the day in which he lived. But Luther can be properly known and estimated only when he is allowed to speak for himself. He should be seen not through the eyes of others, but through our own. In order to judge the man we must know all sides of the man, and read the heaviest as well as the lightest of his works, the more scientific and theological as well as the more practical and popular, his informal letters as well as his formal treatises. We must take

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account of the time of each writing and the circumstances under which it was composed, of the adversaries against whom he was contending, and of the progress which he made in his opinions as time went on. The great fund of primary sources which the historical methods of the last generation have made available should also be laid under contribution to shed light upon his statements and his attitude toward the various questions involved in his life-struggles.

Commentary on the Sermon On The Mount

Leaders of the Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther and John Calvin: Leaders of the Protestant Reformation

A Reforming Spirit

The Freedom of a Christian

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In the 1500s, a man named Martin Luther saw problems in the way the Roman Catholic Church was run. He argued against the teachings of the Church during a time when doing so was punishable by death. Readers can learn about his courageous and honorable life as he fought against the Catholic church and ideals and strived for Protestant Reformation in this captivating biography that features easy-to-read text, intriguing facts, and striking images. The glossary, index, and table of contents helps children navigate their way through the book and

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better understand some of the concepts discussed, such as Luther's Ninety-Five Theses and the Black Cloister Monastery. This 6-Pack includes six copies of this title and a lesson plan. Martin Luther's 95 Theses Martin Luther's 95 Theses With the Pertinent Documents from the History of the Reformation Arch Books A revolutionary look at Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the birth of publishing, on the eve of the Reformation's 500th anniversary When Martin Luther posted his "theses" on the door of the Wittenberg church in 1517, protesting

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corrupt practices, he was virtually unknown. Within months, his ideas spread across Germany, then all of Europe; within years, their author was not just famous, but infamous, responsible for catalyzing the violent wave of religious reform that would come to be known as the Protestant Reformation and engulfing Europe in decades of bloody war. Luther came of age with the printing press, and the path to glory of neither one was obvious to the casual observer of the time. Printing was, and is, a risky business--the questions were how to know how

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much to print and how to get there before the competition. Pettegree illustrates Luther's great gifts not simply as a theologian, but as a communicator, indeed, as the world's first mass-media figure, its first brand. He recognized in printing the power of pamphlets, written in the colloquial German of everyday people, to win the battle of ideas. But that wasn't enough--not just words, but the medium itself was the message. Fatefully, Luther had a partner in the form of artist and businessman Lucas Cranach, who together with Wittenberg's printers created the

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distinctive look of Luther's pamphlets. Together, Luther and Cranach created a product that spread like wildfire--it was both incredibly successful and widely imitated. Soon Germany was overwhelmed by a blizzard of pamphlets, with Wittenberg at its heart; the Reformation itself would blaze on for more than a hundred years. Publishing in advance of the Reformation's 500th anniversary, Brand Luther fuses the history of religion, of printing, and of capitalism--the literal marketplace of ideas--into one enthralling story, revolutionizing our

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understanding of one of the pivotal figures and eras in human history.

Did Martin Luther wield his hammer on the Wittenberg church door on October 31, 1517? Did he even post the Ninety-five Theses at all? This collection of documents sheds light on the debate surrounding Luther's actions and the timing of his writing and his request for a disputation on the indulgence issue. The primary documents in this book include the theses, their companion sermon ("A Sermon on Indulgence and Grace", 1518), a chronological arrangement of

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letters pertinent to the theses, and selections from Luther's Table Talk that address the Ninety-five Theses. A final section contains Luther's recollections, which offer today's reader the reformer's own views of the Reformation and the Ninety-five Theses.

***A Spiritual Biography
Rebel in the Ranks***

***Selections from the Table Talk of Martin Luther
Martin Luther's Christmas Book
With Introductions and Notes***

"Reformation's Rib "is a chancel drama detailing the life

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of Katherine von Bora (Martin Luther's wife). The historical script gives an insightful look into the husband and wife relationship that helped shape the writings of the founder of the Lutheran church. Originally written to celebrate the 500th anniversary of von Bora's birth, this easy-to-stage presentation calls for a cast of three: Katherine von Bora (Katie Luther), Martin Luther, and a narrator. "Here is a preacher who has found his voice -- creative, imaginative, distinctively his own. Yet that voice is offered as an instrument of the gospel." Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. President Emeritus Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg James G. Cobb is Associate Dean

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