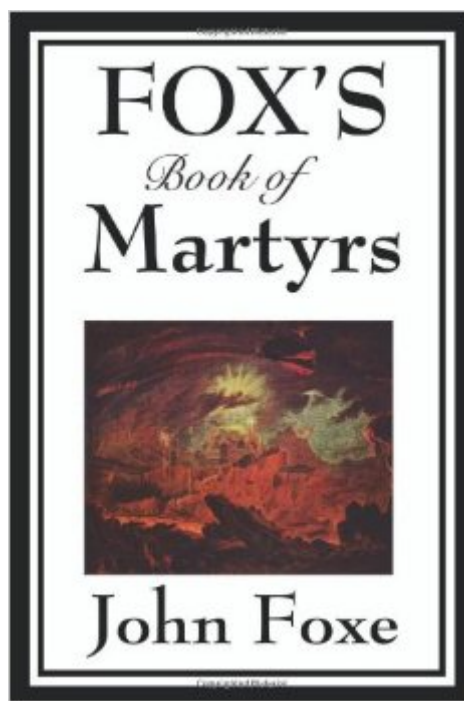


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Synopsis

Published early in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, of England, only five years after the death of the Roman Catholic Queen Mary, the work is an affirmation of the Protestant Reformation in England during the ongoing period of religious conflict between Catholics and Protestants. Since the English monarchs also asserted control over the Church in England, a change in rulers could change the legal status of religious practices. As a consequence, adherents of one religion risked judicial execution by the State depending on the attitudes of the rulers. During Mary's reign, common people of Christian faith were publicly burned at the stake in an attempt to eliminate dissension from Catholic doctrines. Foxe's account of Mary's reign and the martyrdoms that took place during it contributed very significantly to the belief in a distinction from the Roman Catholic Church and the Pope as a central aspect of English national identity. By compiling his record, Foxe intended to demonstrate a historical justification for the foundation of the Church of England as a contemporary embodiment of the true and faithful church, rather than as a newly established Christian denomination.

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Customer Reviews

This book is the same as my old original one from 1930 or 1940. I was happy to find it now because the available paperback versions I have seen are very different. .com is my favorite place to shop because I always find what I am looking for and at a good price also.

The Bible states that our LORD is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It stands to reason that if He remains unchanging, then the faith He bestows on believers is the same as that of the early Christians. What was most educational and humbly to me as I read this work is that the early Christians did not attempt to pass laws that would make their society more comfortable for them, but gladly shared in the suffering of Christ, their only concern being to share His Gospel. Jesus did not command us to make life comfortable for ourselves, but to preach His Gospel in season and out of season. If you, as I have, find that difficult, this book, coupled with Scripture, will open your eyes to the need and give your heart courage and embolden your faith.

I am neither Catholic or Protestant as in my own experience I have been persecuted myself by both "Christian" movements for what I chose to believe. I found Fox's book fascinating not because it upheld one set of dogma against another but because there are some quite sustainable facts. I decided to examine one entry in great detail, because I happen to live 2 minutes away from where the martyrdom is said to have taken place. (Joan Waste who was burned at the stake in Derby) What makes this account different to most others is because she was only 22 and blind and made her stand against Catholic teaching of "Transubstantiation" based on what she had read to her from the Bible itself. Her story is substantiated from other local sources and interlocks with known local history. Truly a fine example, (not of upholding protestantism) but of upholding true Bible doctrine.

This book is interesting with so much History of the early Church, except the atrocities that were committed are hard for me to read about, it literally turns my stomach. The terrible things that were done to the Christians were unbelievably sadistic. What a faith builder it is though to read about how committed those people were to their belief in Christ.

This is a very hard read but it allows us to see just how God has provided for us even during an imaginable trauma. It also allows us to see how the Holy Spirit can provide God's complete peace when all is at a loss.

Mark Twain described a classic as "a book that everyone talks about but no one reads". I hope this book does not gather dust on an abandoned shelf in some basement. Take it and read; it is rich with history and a chronicle of the atrocities visited on many believers and how so many withstood trial by fire. I recommend it for all believers for it will reinvigorate your steadfastness.

A excellent read.. As a Christain you will appreciate how our Brothers & Sisters sacrificed to the very end for their faith. The question you'll ask is .."Could I go this far for my Savior?"

Those of us who trust in Christ tend to forget how many before us gave their very lives for the joy that was before them with our Savior. We hear of some of the more well-known such as Wyckliffe, Huss, Knox, Luther, Zwingli; however, many humble men, women and even children willingly gave their lives for the sure promises of God in His Word. It is hard to read of the unbelievably terrible methods devised to torture, maim and kill them but we need to realize that the days ahead may present us with similar opportunities to stand strong in the Spirit of God.

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