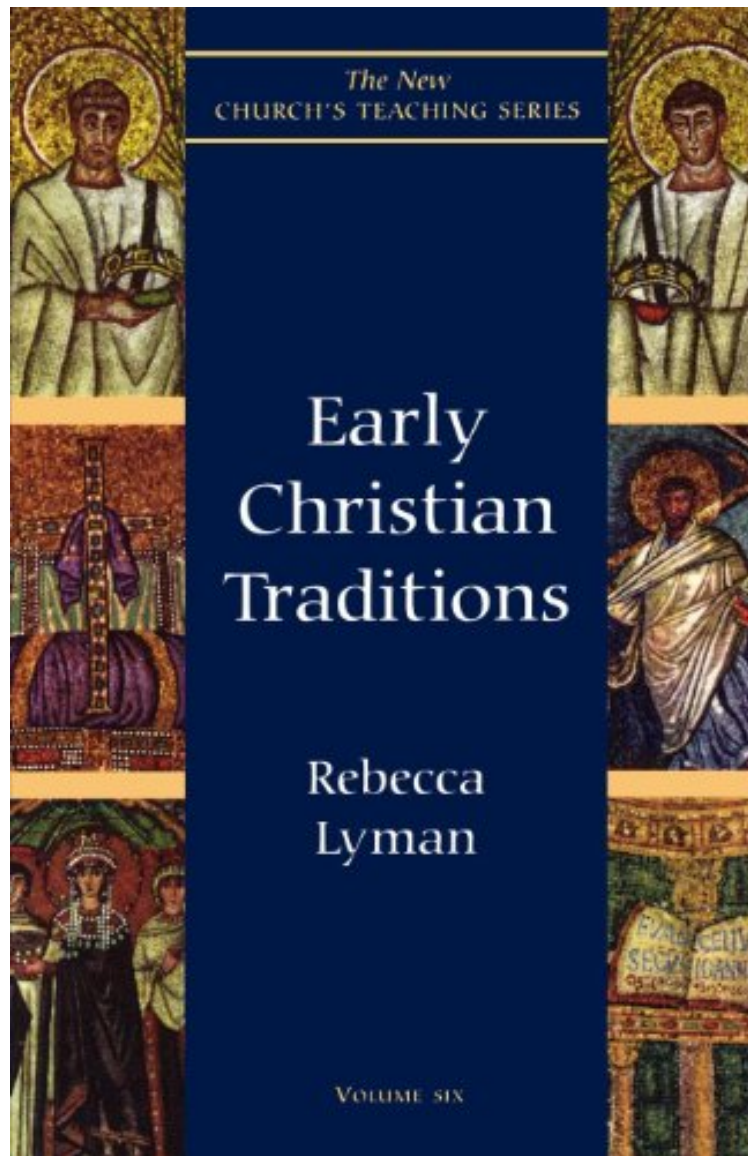


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Von Rebecca Lyman : Early Christian Traditions (New Church's Teaching Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Early Christian Traditions (New Church's Teaching Series):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. In the beginning...Von FrKurt MessickThe Episcopal church in the twentieth century took advantage of the general

availability of publishing to good advantage, compiling through several auspices different collections and teaching series, the latest of which was only completed a few years ago. There have been 'unofficial' collections of teaching texts, such as the Anglican Studies Series by Morehouse press, put out in the 1980s, as well as an earlier teaching series. However, each generation approaches things anew; the New Church Teaching Series, published by Cowley Publications (a company operated as part of the ministry of the Society of St. John the Evangelist - SSJE - one of the religious/monastic communities in the Episcopal church, based in the Boston area) is the most recent series, and in its thirteen volumes, explores in depth and breadth the theology, history, liturgy, ethics, mission and more of the modern Anglican vision in America. This sixth volume, 'Early Christian Traditions' by Rebecca Lyman, continues a look at history from the fifth volume by Thompsett by focussing more closely upon the church and world in the earliest Christian times, through to the fall of the Roman Empire. After a brief introduction to set the stage for why studying the early church is important for Anglican identity, Lyman looks at the overall culture of the early church - a world dominated by the Romans, in the midst of a unique culture of Judaism concentrated in the eastern empire, but spread throughout the whole Roman Empire, and somewhat beyond. How the church exists today is an interesting synthesis and reaction to various influences of all these aspects. Lyman looks at some key issues of contention in the development of the early church - the Gnostic beliefs, issues of leadership in the church, defining heresy and orthodoxy in various manners, finally settling upon the construction of creeds to reinforce dogmatic consistency. Through these trends, the key questions of 'who is Jesus?' and 'who is God?' were always present, and the tensions between individual faith and the community character of Christianity was also of concern. How the church came to be a regular and powerful part of the world, rather than a fringe and oppressed sect on the edges of society is also seen here. Lyman looks at key issues, events, and personalities involved in the development of her early church history. The origins of much of present-day church practice and belief are from this period even as people in the pews do not realise it. Rebecca Lyman is a priest and professor of church history at CDSP, the California Divinity School of the Pacific, one of the major Episcopal seminaries. She has worked as part of the team of scholars who translated the New American Bible, one of the major Bible translations of recent times, and concentrates scholarship on issues of orthodoxy and heresy (which is a natural tie-in to the study of the early church). Each of the texts is relatively short (only two of the volumes exceed 200 pages), the print and text of each easy to read, designed not for scholars but for the regular church-goer, but not condescending either - the authors operate on the assumption that the readers are genuinely interested in deepening their faith and practice. Each volume concludes with questions for use in discussion group settings, and with annotated lists of further readings recommended.

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