

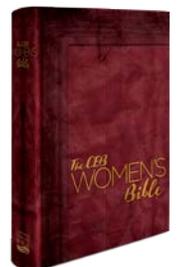
**"I recommend this Bible for anyone hoping to learn more about the women in our sacred text.** I recommend this Bible for anyone who wants to try the CEB. If you, like me, always wondered what the women were doing and thinking in Biblical times, this is the Bible for you. I'm looking forward to exploring The CEB Women's Bible more, so I can continue to discover more about my female ancestors in the faith and pass along their stories to the next generation." —Susannah DeBenedetto, [Tea and Theology Blog](#)

"I've never owned a 'Women's Bible.' ... So when Abingdon Press asked for reviewers of The CEB Women's Bible, I was intrigued by the opportunity to find out what a Bible published for women is all about. ... The short answer: decor aside, it's your basic study Bible. More specifically: this one is a good study Bible. ... But publishing a Bible by women editors, a Bible about women's experiences of God & of their faith communities, a Bible with women's commentary on the many & varied dynamics of gender throughout scripture—**that's a Bible I can recommend as the Church continues to perceive, unpack and dismantle the patriarchal worldview that shapes our reading of scripture and our theological understandings. Beyond its maroon text boxes and bubbly fonts, The CEB Women's Bible strives to be a text that asks good questions, encourages thoughtful study & discussion, and highlights the social complexities that are not separate from our faithful living.**" —Rachel Hackenberg, [Rachel Hackenberg Blog](#)

"This is an excellent study Bible. Nearly all the chapters have summary introductions that could be used for the people who like a big picture view or as prayer prompts before or after devotions. The inserted commentaries on situations, circumstances, and people are very helpful. There is one on birth control near Genesis 38 and on one women and property at Joshua 17. There's celebration (Psalm 31), pleasure (Ecclesiastes 2), mercy (Romans 9), adolescence (1 Timothy 5)—plus ministry and widows (separately) in the same chapter. These short explanations give insight not only to the time of the Bible's events or writing, but also for how the verses impact the life of the reader today. I enjoyed every one that I read and I think they are the best feature of this Bible. ... **The stories of women in the Bible—known, forgotten, and unknown—deserve attention, scholarly time, and church/devotional study. This Bible accomplishes that task superbly.** It does it so well in fact that I recommend considering one's own preferences or biases (translation, title, margin size) as *adiaphora* (or unimportant) relative to having a truly helpful and revolutionary study Bible that spotlights the work of women in history and the work of women today." —Julia Seymour, [Lutheran Julia Blog](#)

**"First things first, I love The CEB Women's Bible.** It is not simply a re-covered study Bible with 'women's' in the title put out by whatever Christian publisher you may want to name who has done that kind of thing. ... What makes this different? To state the obvious: all of the Editors and contributors are women. Many of them hold PhDs. Several of them are PhD candidates. Some of them are Pastors serving churches. The front matter explains better than I can who they all are. That their Study Notes will be different than a "re-cover" does not go without saying; there are things to say! ... The CEB Women's Bible is a terrific resource!" —Sarah Howe Miller, [The Vicar of Hogsmeade Blog](#)

"But what really makes this latest CEB stand out is that the editors and the authors of the articles and reflections—eighty of them—are all women: biblical scholars, pastors and church leaders, and novelists. They love Holy Scripture, are committed to telling its story, and hope to provoke that same love and commitment in their students, congregations, and



readers. **It is a tremendous feat that they have accomplished**, and any disappointment I might have with the lack of inclusion of the apocrypha (what would they have to say about Judith? I wonder) pales in comparison to my admiration and respect for their painstaking and diligent work." —Cynthia Hallas, [Fourth Wall Priest Blog](#)

"This CEB Women's Bible has already become a staple for me in the tetris-like stack of Bibles I use to contrast and compare ideas and words. **I know I will continue to enjoy the perspectives of the women who contributed and edited as I use it in my own daily devotional reading and study.** It is so refreshing to "hear" these discussion starters and biographies from a woman's point of view." —Amy P Haynie, [random thoughts, community gathering spot, ramblings... Blog](#)

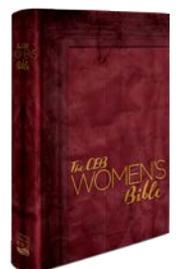
"I have been drawn to this Bible time and again—checking out my favourite verses, looking for my favourite Biblical women and, generally, being both distracted and drawn in by the wealth of information and insight contained in this version of the text. Although the translation was prepared by both women and men, the reflections, portraits and articles that are scattered throughout the text were written by 80 women. ...The CEB Women's Bible seeks to highlight those women who made all sorts of contributions to the story of God's people but who are rarely acknowledged for the difference they made. That feels just and appropriate. ... **This is a great addition to the plethora of Bibles I have—I like different versions for different tasks. This Women's Bible, as well as attempting to bridge those gaps of silence that surround the women in the text is excellent at drawing one in and stirring the urge to read on and find out more,** and that has to be a good thing!" —Liz Crumlish, [Vicar of Dibley Blog](#)

"**I would recommend the CEB Women's Bible as a useful, well-designed and accessible resource for anyone** who is interested in a deeper reading of the text, and especially from a context and perspective that includes and highlights the voices of the women who inhabit, infuse and enrich the scriptures." —Kate Hennessy-Keimig, [Prairie Light Blog](#)

"One of the most frequent questions I got as a parish pastor was, 'What kind of Bible should I buy myself/my mother/my daughter?' ... But most of the commentary is written by dudes. Here's where I put in the standard disclaimers, I like dudes, some of my best friends are dudes, etc. But anyone who has heard a woman preach can tell you that even if we're not playing the woman card (ahem), we're still looking at the text from a different perspective. ... **This Bible made me very, very happy, and this is why. It's a Bible written for women, but also BY women! That shouldn't be revolutionary, but it is!** ... However, this Women's Study Bible is not filled with adorable anecdotes about washing kitchen towels and thinking about Jesus (not that there's anything wrong with that, okay?). It's filled with well-researched sidebars about the Biblical background and characters, occasionally inviting one to imagine the scene, occasionally telling more of the story. There's nothing cute about it, and that's a good thing. It has an 'index of unnamed women,' among other unique indices, and I've never seen that before. ... I will recommend this Bible, and I do recommend it if you want a Bible that will help you interpret the stories with the help of scholars who are also women." —Beth Birkholz, [Chick Pastor Blog](#)

"The Truth: To only 'read' The CEB Women's Bible is a disservice. **You should enjoy it as the feast for the soul it is.** Bon Appetite!" —Lisa Lewis, [Kickboxing Believers Blog](#)

"From the moment I it slid out of the envelope, **I knew this was the Bible I have been waiting for.** The CEB Women's Bible cover does not feature flowers or pastels or curlicue fonts, as so many books marketed to Christian women seem to do. The cover is a rich burgundy, and the WOMEN'S is in bold capitals. Before I turned one page, I knew that this is a Bible that would not, with its layout or commentary, patronize to me as a woman, or indeed, as a human being. ... The rest of this Bible does not disappoint. With thoughtful introductions to each book and a reflection on each chapter, sidebar articles on topics of historical as well as contemporary interest, character sketches of over a hundred named and



unnamed women in the Bible, an index of all the women in the Bible, questions for individual or group devotions, reading plans and sixteen beautiful maps, this is a treasure. ... All in all, I can highly recommend this beautiful and thoughtful Bible. I know in the years to come, it will be my close companion—for preaching, for study, for devotion and for inspiration.” —Jennifer Garrison Brownell, [46<sup>th</sup> Psalm Blog](#)

“Familiar faces and names are among the editors and contributors. I am delighted to see the variety of denominations, traditions and settings which they represent. **The breadth of voices in this edition will inspire many women in their study of Scripture.** I recommend it highly for your study and spiritual growth.” —Deb Vaughn, [Unfinished Symphony Blog](#)

“For me, the greatest strength of this edition is the roster of female scholars who contributed. I found myself wanting to read more and more deeply of the work of these sisters. Now that we can access scholarly writing electronically, I plan to include their scholarship in my own study and teaching practice, based on the biographical data in the index. ... **This Bible edition would be a great gift for a man who wants to examine his bias in reading Scripture. It would be helpful to a lay teacher leading Bible studies in a local church. It could open up new worlds to someone preparing for seminary, and it is a helpful adjunct resource for those of us who lead Bible study as parish ministers.** It has fulfilled its stated goal of inviting the reader into ‘a deeper conversation with Scripture.’” —Leigh McCaffrey, [Finding a Way Blog](#)

**“I enthusiastically endorse this Bible for personal reading, study, and use in discussion groups.** I look forward to many years of using my copy for all these purposes! This Bible would also make a nice gift.” —Carol Taylor, [With Coffee, Chocolate, and God Blog](#)

“As someone who has long been aware of the missing Biblical language and narratives (and names!) where women’s voices and lives are concerned, but without the tools to address many of those limitations, **I am grateful for the comprehensive and thoughtful approach provided by the CEB Women’s Bible.** I’ve been invited to speak next month to the women’s circle of the church which I serve, and I’m planning to take that opportunity to introduce this Bible to the participants. I highly recommend this volume for your library.” —Mary Robin Craig, [Mary Robin Craig Blog](#)

“Overall, this version of the Bible is refreshing. If you can live without space for margin notes, and you are looking for some progressive interpretations of the women of the Bible, **this book is definitely worth checking out.** I hope you enjoy it as I have!” —Katya Ouchakof, [Provocative Proclamations Blog](#)

“The CEB translation ... certainly provides an accessible and inclusive English translation that resides firmly and reliably in the contemporary language space. That, however, is not what I appreciate most about this Bible. I already had both print and digital editions of the CEB, and I didn’t expect to be particularly impressed by what I assumed would be the addition of a floral cover and a decorative font. With 80 editors and contributors to this edition, every one of them a woman, The CEB Women’s Bible is more than just a prettier Bible, and **these editors and contributors surprised me with the thoroughness and thoughtfulness of the supporting material that has been added. ... I wasn’t expecting to enjoy this edition as much as I have.** There are some important and useful elements to this Bible that highlight and affirm the position of women as equal bearers of the image of God, and I genuinely appreciate having the name and position of every editor and contributor listed, with attribution also given alongside each Introduction, Sidebar, Reflection, and Portrait. It gives wonderful contrast to the generations of women who have remained invisible and nameless in carrying forth the message and mission of God.” —Rhonda Reese Purtee, [Discipleship: Know-Love-Serve Blog](#)



**"This is the bible I have been waiting for!** ... What I especially like, and have found really helpful are the snapshots of individual female characters—and I have already used them in my preaching (on Hannah). This bible will be sitting on my desk, and traveling with me to help and inform, to encourage and to enhance my personal bible reading. I will be on a period of retreat and reflection at the start of November; this bible is coming with me. There are some great indexes for me to investigate. As well as comprehensive reading plans, there is a discussion guide which reflects the RCL, and articles on virtually any topic you might want to look at—from abortion to social justice to gender equality and women and war.... So I will be well resourced." —Julie Rennick, [Dark Threads & Golden Blog](#)

"I have never had a Women's Bible. Honestly, they never really appealed to me. They didn't speak to me as feminist Christian. However, my current favorite version of the Bible is the Common English Bible, and when I heard there was a study version tailored to women, I was very interested in checking it out. I am glad that I did. **This is a great Bible, my friends, for so many reasons.** ... This isn't just a Bible for women—this is a Bible for any 21st century Christian, no matter what your gender identity is. I also appreciate that there is a version of the Bible now, where the entire editorial board and contributors are all women—writers, professors, academics, students, pastors, non-profit leaders and beyond. Frankly, I think this rocks." —Karla Miller, [do. love. walk. Blog](#)

