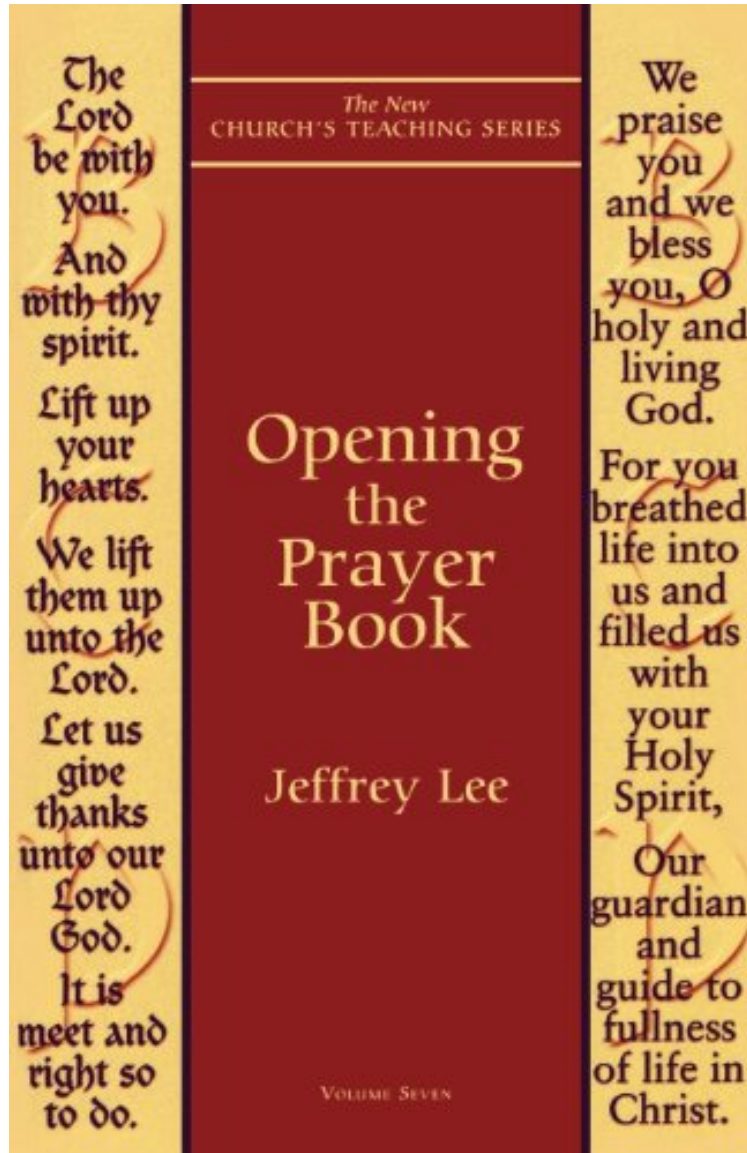


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Von Jeffrey Lee : Opening the Prayer Book (New Church's Teaching Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Opening the Prayer Book (New Church's Teaching Series):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The heart of Anglicanism... Von Fr Kurt Messick The 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 seventh volume, 'Opening the Prayer Book' by Jeffrey Lee, looks at the Book of Common Prayer, perhaps the central defining thing in Anglicanism. Lee's primary focus here is the 1979 American Book of Common Prayer (which makes sense, given that this is a church teaching series for a church that uses this as the primary text); however, no edition or variation of the Book of Common Prayer exists in a vacuum, either historically or geographically/culturally. Lee explores general issues of liturgy and common worship/prayer life in the context of the Anglican usage of the BCP. Particularly with the 1979 American version (and some other recent variations, such as the New Zealand and Australian Prayer Books), there is a great deal of flexibility built into the document that at the same time strives toward consistency and identity. Lee looks briefly at the history of the development of the Book of Common Prayer, from its English origins in the sixteenth century to the more recent versions in America, acknowledging the issues that led to a Scottish influence in the construction of the American Prayer Book. After this historical survey, Lee looks at particular pieces of the liturgy in the BCP, including the primary services around the sacrament of baptism and Easter celebrations, the highest of holy days, and the various other liturgies present for both regular and occasional use. Putting this liturgy into action for the entire congregation (worship shouldn't be something that a clergy caste 'does' for the people as they sit in pews and watch) is a primary concern for Lee. Lee's final chapter gives some speculations into the future of liturgical development and prayer book reform. Each generation or two makes the prayer book anew for its worship; this always creates tension between those who want to remain with the established ways, those who want radical change, and those who aren't satisfied with the eventual settlement. Even as he argues for continuity with much of Anglican tradition, Lee looks forward to a time when there will be no standard, pew-edition of the BCP in every church as the tie that binds; speculating on the suggestion of his professor Louis Weil (who wrote another volume of this teaching series), the current Books of Common Prayer may well be the last in the line of Cranmer's tradition. Jeffrey Lee is a priest who has served parishes using the Book of Common Prayer throughout the Midwestern United States. He is a speaker and writer in issues of worship and liturgy, and participates in national and international conferences and associations regarding diaconal renewal. 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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0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is a very user friendly book! Von Ein Kunde This is a very user friendly book. Mr. Lee's writing is very clear for the average lay person. As a cradled Episcopalian (born and raised in the Episcopal Church) I learned so much about the book I use every week. It is a wonderful resource and great teaching tool. Thanks for clarifying and expanding upon our church's prayer book!

Kurzbeschreibung Opening the Prayer Book introduces us to the history and liturgies of The Book of Common Prayer, and helps us understand why the prayer book is such an important aspect of Anglican self-understanding. **Pressestimmen** Anticipating a diverse readership, not one composed of cradle Episcopalians, this series intends to address those who want to know what Anglicanism has to offer (General Editor's Introduction, p. xii). This being so, one is gratified to find in Jeffrey Lee's volume a readable and easily paced exposition of matters both complex and dear because of the times we live in and dear because common prayer is heartwork for most Anglicans, cradle or otherwise. . . . I expect that this book will prove useful to parish study groups as well as to individual readers. The conversations set loose in these groups will serve well the liturgical education of the congregations where this book is considered, and where these students pray in common.--William Seth Adams, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest

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