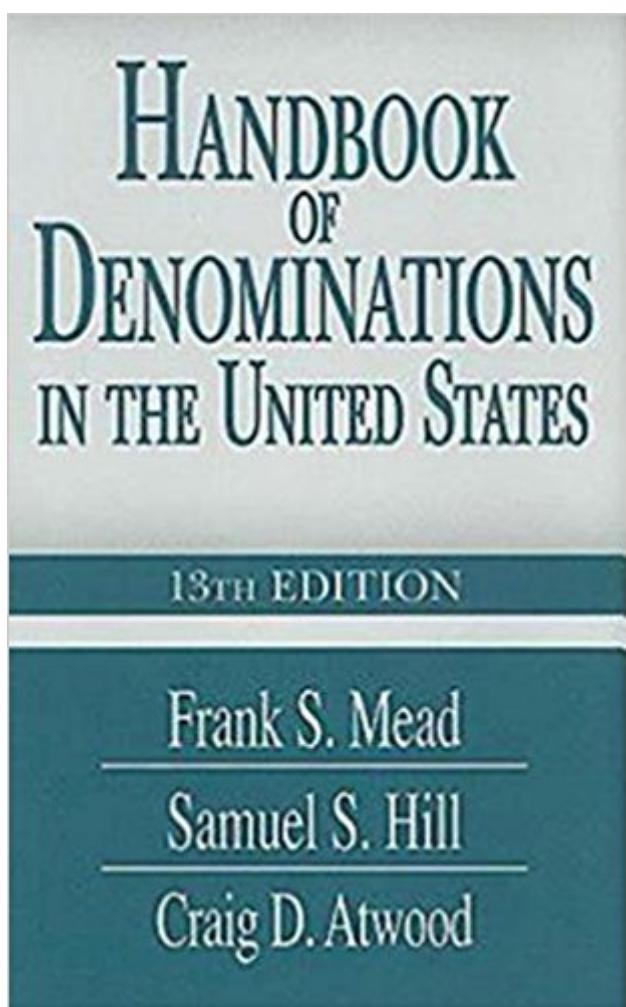


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# Handbook Of Denominations In The United States 13th Edition



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A helpful resource for clergy, laity, journalists, and researchers, this authoritative guidebook to U.S. religions is grouped in family categories of Abrahamic religions, arranged chronologically: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The information for each group within these families has been provided by the religious organizations themselves and focuses on the denominations' doctrines, statistics, and histories.

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The author(s) is fair and objective in presenting various distinctive of each group discussed. I was surprised at the comprehensive number of faith groups discussed. The book may be used as a resource or just plain reading pleasure. I have the version that is on my smart phone and read it while in waiting rooms.

This book is an extremely valuable resource to quickly understand the basic beliefs of a denominations, especially those that set them apart from others. This book covers a vast number of denominations, obviously not complete but close to it. Each one typically has a statistic giving its popularity, followed by a short (typically no longer than 3 or 4 pages, but sometimes shorter)

summary of the denominational history and distinctives. Having used it to look at a few denominations with which I am familiar and many with which I am not, the authors appear to have painstakingly made the summaries as unbiased and fair as possible. Oftentimes, they quote directly from official denominational literature. I also appreciate the appendices which refer the researcher to further information on a particular denomination. The large denominational categories covered, with many subcategories each are: 1. Adventist 2. Baptist 3. Brethren and Pietist Churches 4. Catholic Churches 5. Christian Church (Stone-Campbell Movement) 6. Congregational Churches 7. Episcopal/Anglican Churches 8. Friends (Quakers) 9. Fundamentalist/Bible Churches 10. Holiness Churches 11. Islam 12. Judaism 13. Latter-day Saints (Mormons) 14. Lutherans 15. Mennonite Churches 16. Methodist Churches 17. Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches 18. Pentecostal Churches 19. Presbyterian Churches 20. Reformed Churches 21. Salvation Army 22. Spiritualist and Theosophical Bodies. There are many others that cannot be put under these broad categories that are too numerous to mention here. This book appears to have succeeded in what it set out to accomplish: give a concise but accurate depiction of various church sects throughout the United States.

This is an incredibly handy reference with short, to the point, unbiased information about the different religious denominations in the US. It's helpful when I want to know a little about a religion without having to read all of a particular faith's doctrine. It's a great starting place to satisfy one's curiosity about other's faiths.

I had a hardcopy of a previous version of this book that unfortunately got damaged by water. Absolutely love the digital version on my kindle (this one better not get wet). This is a great resource and I fully appreciate and respect the fact that the author truly sought out to be neutral in the information provided for each denomination. This is a great resource to help have a more thorough understanding of what (sadly) separates the denominations but in case after case you are provided a glimpse into the history of the path or journey that has lead each group to where it is now. I hope that as people use resources like this we can put some of those differences in to their proper place and unify on our common ground, as it is much more solid than the shifting sands of our division.

It makes things simple and easy to understand between the denominations.

If you're looking for a concise, easy to understand, but highly informative resource on the

differences and likenesses of the different religions and denominations in the US, this book is what you're looking for. I use this resource extensively when creating lesson plans for youth involving the understanding of our differences so that it is understood that while our faiths may differ slightly or significantly, we can understand and respect those differences.

In depth and informative.

I purchased the "Handbook of Denominations" because I am increasingly meeting new people from denominations that I know very little about. This book is not meant to give an in-depth study of the denominations, but is an excellent reference for gaining a general overview of the various denominations, their beliefs and structures. I gave it 5 stars, because I feel that the book has accomplished its goal of providing objective and sufficiently detailed overviews of the denominations it covers.

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