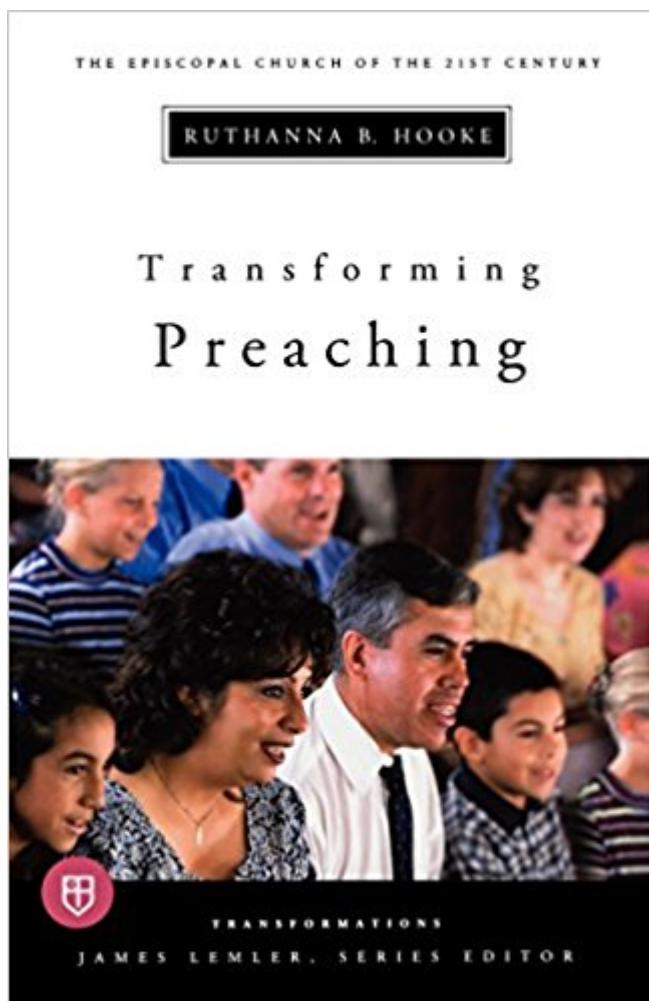


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Ruthanna Hooke is assistant professor of homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary and earned her Ph.D. in religious studies from Yale University. She also teaches performance, movement, and voice training for preachers. James Lemler is priest-in-charge of historic Christ Episcopal Church in

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Its not a bad book, but its just not a great book either. It's middle of the road. Has some good points, but is fairly bland.

Transforming Preaching is a fresh look into the art of preaching. Hooke explains why preaching is more difficult than ever today, and provides essential models and spiritual practices in order to transform both the creators of preaching and its listeners as both participate in sermons. A powerful aspect of the book is how she shares insights from numerous preachers of how they work the craft of preaching. This helped make the book more personal and practical by seeing how others approach the sermon. Hooke also discusses the use of body in preaching. She talks about Linklater voice exercises, yoga poses and improvisation, however I wish that she gave more detail about those approaches. Overall, the book was very informative and will be of great use to any preacher young or old.

A preacher helps his congregation form that connection with god. "Transforming Preaching" is another edition in Church Publishing's The Episcopal Church of the 21st Century" series, this volume discussing the power of preaching and what can be done to keep a sermon still relevant in today's society. Everything from body language to the topics at hand to issues facing women preachers, and more, "Transforming Preaching" is a top pick for any preacher who wants to keep their voice heard.

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