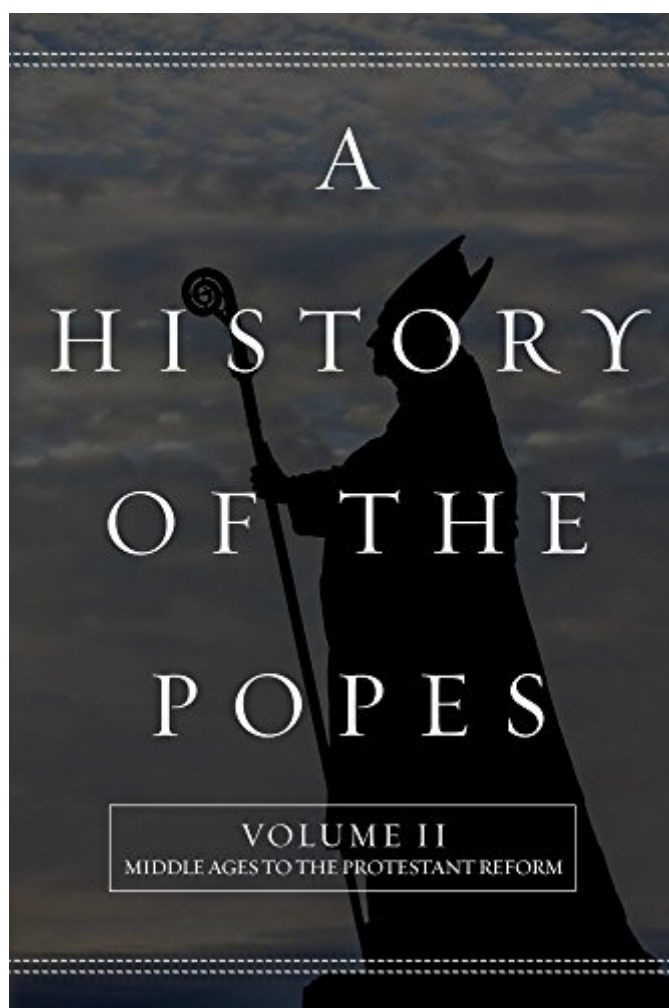


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This second volume of A History of the Popes is a valuable resource for any student of the Roman Catholic Church. This is not an exhaustive look at the Popes, I wouldn't be interested in that - I wouldn't live long enough to read it all!!! But Wyatt North has again given us the information we need: what did this Pope do and how did it affect the Church and the world. That's called cutting to

the chase, and I appreciate it greatly. I look forward to Vol 3 and see how Wyatt handles the Popes that we can remember and that played a big part in our lives. Thanks for a truly helpful look at these important and influential men!

I am really enjoying reading this series. The thumbnail sketches of the Popes are so interesting, but this series takes it a step further...the Popes are looked at as men of their times, and there is just enough background of the various historical events to keep the reader entranced. I have but one complaint. As a direct descendent of Pope Alexander VI, I have always known that he is generally considered the worst pope in history. I don't see how he is much different than many others. Also, his stopping a war between Spain and Portugal over the lands of the New World, by drawing the line, was not mentioned. I think that is a mitigating factor in considering how good or bad he was. So, that little tidbit, causes me some question about other individuals. That said, I truly look forward to reading Volume III. This week!

A History of the Popes Volume I & II is a great read. It categorizes the reign of the Popes in different years and gives a good summary of their rule, good or bad. Waiting for Volume III to complete its history. I will highly recommend especially if you want a glimpse of the election of all the Popes. God bless! Jose Carlos

This was a very good, concise overview of the papacy. I particularly liked the way the author wove the secular events of the period into the reign of each of the popes. This, with its two other volumes, is a great overview of the history of the Chair of St. Peter.

Decent brief, concise summary of papal personalities.

As a kindle reader, this is a difficult book. As a book where you dog ear pages it would be a good reference book.

These books are a treasure trove of information presented in a very readable manner ! I have read A History of the Popes 1 and 2 and am eagerly looking forward to future books on these subjects. I have also downloaded the book on the Dalai Lama . If it is anything like the Papacy books I know I will enjoy reading it! Thanks, Wyatt North, for providing the opportunity to delve into history in such a readable, well-researched way. Sr. Louise Passero, fma

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