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*The Episcopal Handbook* provides historical and theological information about the Episcopal Church alongside fun-filled facts and practical tips for being a churchgoing follower of Jesus Christ.

Complete with illustrations, the book presents a combination of vast truths, complex details, and bits of humor about the Episcopal understanding of the Christian life. This unique and handy resource is perfect for youth, adults, students, families, and all those interested in learning about much of what encompasses life in the church.

Sections include:

- How to Stay Alert in Church
- How to be a Greeter (or Usher, or Acolyte, etc.)
- How to tell the difference between a "Vocation" and a "Vacation"
- How to Survive a Service in an Un-Air-Conditioned Church
- A brief history of the Anglican Communion
- How to Interpret "Controversial" Bible Passages and Remain Episcopalian
- ...and dozens more!

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### **Tim Williams says**

This is a funny little book. I mean, it contains sections on what to do when someone sits in "your" pew and whether coffee hour is the Episcopal Church's "other" sacrament. In general, though, can see where this book would be more helpful for folks coming from Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist backgrounds than from R. Catholic backgrounds, where liturgy and mystery are more prominent. In all, it does a good job showing how the Anglicans offer a wonderful middle way.

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### **Kelsee says**

Perfect introduction into Episcopal beliefs.... Written in a humorous, "survival-guide" style.

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### **Greg says**

A good introduction to the Episcopal Church. Easy reading with anecdotes and stories along the way. The charts and graphs in the Kindle version don't work on ereader devices, but you can view them better through the browser on your computer.

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### **Jordan McBride says**

I really enjoyed this book. As someone that has attended the Episcopal Church for a few years it was interesting to have an easy to understand explanation for a lot of things in the church that I just wasn't knowledgeable about. I really liked the glossary at the end that described a lot of the items used in the services. It was a nice and easy reference.

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### **Katherine says**

A useful book to read, whether one is new to The Episcopal Church or have been a member for a long time. It has a lot of great information, presented in an often humorous way, about the culture and traditions of the church. It's definitely something that reflects the personality of this denomination.

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### **Tina Hayes says**

"The Episcopal Handbook" gives an informative and fun overview of the Episcopal Church. The chapters are short, to the point, and a dash of humor makes it fun to read as well. The history, worship services, and views are well explained. This is the perfect book for anyone wanting to joint the church.

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### **Lindsay says**

Lighthearted and humorous at times, but also a very light-weight overview probably better suited for youth.

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### **Brock says**

A decent overview of the Episcopal Church. The author would have done well to provide more in-depth analyses when it comes to the whys and hows of liturgy since Episcopalians belong to a very liturgical church. Much of the book covers basic elements common to being Christian no matter the tradition; this space could've been better utilized. There are several lists (top ten Bible heroes, villains, etc) that seem contingent on the author's own preferences. Under "villains" one may find listed "Pharisees, Sadducees and scribes." Without clarifying that those who persecuted Jesus were individuals in a particular time and place, this classification easily lends itself to anti-Semitism. The most helpful part of the book was the extensive glossary of terms.

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### **Jodi says**

As a "beginning Episcopalian", I found this to be a very helpful book. In fact, I plan on buying my own copy to continue to refer to. I actually think there are sections in this book from which established church members could learn.

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### **Alice says**

I breezed through this book in one day, but The Episcopal Handbook is a decent reference for someone new to the Episcopal church. I have been attending Episcopal service for over two months now, and this book did answer some outstanding questions I had.

I agree with other reviewers that there is a certain amount of "filler" in this book, such as the top 10 Bible villains and heroes, but I found it useful to read these sections as additional insight into the unique Episcopal perspective on some of these topics.

The chart at the end of the book comparing various liturgical and non-liturgical denominations is also fascinating and useful.

This book is a fast read, but it is also a useful reference for those curious about or new to the Episcopal church.

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### **Lisa Sellers says**

very helpful book- I have loaned it out and people find it very helpful also.

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**Anne says**

Humorous but informational, light but thought provoking. As a returning Episcopalian, it was a great reminder of things I knew as a child and answered many questions I've had as an adult. Will keep this book handy as I raise my children in the Episcopal church.

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