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on war and violence. Consequently, this book may also be of use to students or other readers desiring information on just war, pacifism, or conscientious objection. This book will be a useful addition to most library collections.

Reviewer

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Kapic, K. M., & Jones, M. (Eds.). (2012). *The Ashgate Research Companion to John Owen's Theology*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate. 352 pp. \$49.95. ISBN 9781409484295

Shortly before the sweeping changes of the Enlightenment, John Owen left an indelible mark as a culturally and politically involved pastor-theologian. This Ashgate Research Companion provides a rich and timely addition to the conversation on Owen's great 17th century contribution to the world. His writings increasingly resonate with students of the Reformation today. Building upon conference presentations on John Owen scholarship at Cambridge University in 2008, the editors solicited additional chapters in order to round out the key issues in the life and work of this great church leader. The contributing authors meaningfully support the editors' division of the text under the headings of method, theology, and practice.

Highlights include the hermeneutical and contextual details behind Owen's colossal commentary on Hebrews (chapter 3), Owen's well-rounded intellectual pursuits as evidenced in his diverse personal library (chapter 6), the daily discipline of a Christ-centered beatific vision (chapter 8), and reflections on religious toleration during a time of war and upheaval (chapter 14). Graduate students and scholars will be sure to appreciate the background information and ample footnotes in each chapter.

This text offers a unique contribution of critical literature on Owen. Librarians and researchers will appreciate the truly remarkable bibliography of primary and secondary sources which alone is worth the cover price. This extensive list notes the works that Owens wrote, translated, contributed to, or wrote a preface for, in addition to responses from Owen's seventeenth-century contemporaries. Secondary sources include all manner of print material as well as unpublished dissertations. Given the rich insights of the essays and the excellent bibliographic resources, this Ashgate Research Companion is indeed indispensable for any engaging study of John Owen.

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