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Tucker's "The end of the island: Finding life in the movements of human suffering, pain, and loss" (Book Review)

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courses, in addition to serving those seeking inspiration for original research topics. The Church stands to gain much through studying Edwards in different theological communities, and Strobel provides a compelling text to embark on this pursuit.

Reviewer

Jeremy W. Labosier, Biola University

Williams, L. (2016). *Emblem of faith untouched: A short life of Thomas Cranmer*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans. 208 pp. \$18.00. ISBN 9780802874184

Leslie Williams, a writer and former fellow of Yale Divinity School, has produced an engaging and robust contribution to the ongoing *Library of Religious Biography* series. As a primer for non-specialists on the life of Cranmer and his contributions to both English and Anglican history it heartily succeeds.

Despite his role in the *Book of Common Prayer*, Cranmer's legacy is often overshadowed by his recantation under Queen Mary. This book proves especially useful in placing Cranmer's actions into the context of his beliefs and circumstances. Williams explores the twin loyalties – to the crown and the Reformation – which animated Cranmer and proved, in the end, impossible to reconcile. Starting with his birth in the summer of 1489 to his execution in 1556, Williams skillfully weaves a compelling narrative of Cranmer's life. An especially nice detail is the use of excerpts from the prayer book to preface each chapter. Like all books in the series, *Emblem of Faith Untouched* avoids footnotes in the service of smooth reading; something the reader may occasionally find disorienting. Nevertheless, the book is a strong addition to the field. This work is highly recommended for all academic levels and libraries.

Reviewer

Joshua M. Avery, God's Bible School and College

Tucker, J. C. (2016). *The end of the island: Finding life in the movements of human suffering, pain, and loss*. Eugene, OR: Resource Publications. 159 pp. \$22.00. ISBN 9781498279062

Pain and suffering are inevitably a part of the human experience. In this book the author speaks to that experience by weaving throughout its chapters, the story of an elderly man trying to reach the "end of the island" where he is told the answers to his pain and suffering can be found. His journey is enriched and illuminated by

those he meets along the way. Within every chapter the author poses very practical and real questions that most people have asked at one time or another. Drawing on his experiences as a hospital chaplain, he addresses the various kinds of suffering from small, everyday occurrences to life changing events and then offers wisdom and insight to help the reader find comfort for and through their pain and suffering. He does this with an unusual writing style that is, in some ways, almost poetical. As a Christian and hospital chaplain in the Philadelphia area the author has presented us with a very readable book that can speak to a vast spectrum of people regardless of their background or belief system. He is currently attending Palmer Theological Seminary where he has already earned his Master of Theological Studies Degree and is now currently working towards his Master of Divinity.

Reviewer

T-Ann Currie, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Bauer, D. R. (2014). *Essential Bible study tools for ministry*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press. 410 pp. \$45.99. ISBN 9781426755170

Essential Bible Study Tools for Ministry presents an excellent bibliography of high quality sources recommended for pastors, scholars and students who are studying scripture. As a scholar who is also committed to the church, David Bauer, Professor of Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, goes through the myriad of resources available for studying the Bible selecting those that present both outstanding scholarship and sound theological interpretation. He represents a spectrum of theological views selecting works from reputable publishers written by respected scholars, many whose names are familiar in the field of biblical studies. His list includes some older works as well as more recent scholarship.

This reference work is arranged in sections starting with the entire Bible then various subsections related to each testament and followed by individual books of each testament. The author looks at the key components within the study of Scripture including history, interpretation, criticism, theology, geography, and archaeology. It is helpful that he also includes a section on the intertestamental period, Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Bauer recommends general works along with reference sources such as introductions to the Bible, concordances, commentaries, atlases, and theological dictionaries. The hundreds of annotations he has written of the