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## Kapic's "A Little Book for New Theologians: Why and How to Study Theology" (Book Review)

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But what of the word “spiritual” in the title? The reader will not be disappointed here either. The total emphasis of this work is Lewis’ spiritual development from a child to a mature Christian. If the book has any faults, and they are few, it is that Brown quotes a bit overmuch from *Surprised by Joy*, so that a reader who has only recently read that book by Lewis may feel that Brown is a bit repetitive.

If you are a C. S. Lewis aficionado, or if you have merely enjoyed some of his books, this is a biography that is worth your time. If you want to read a short biography of C. S. Lewis that emphasizes Christianity and spiritual growth, this is definitely the book for you.

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**A Little Book for New Theologians: Why and How to Study Theology,**

by Kelly M. Kopic. Downer’s Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2012. 126 pp. \$8.00.

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Kelly Kopic from Covenant College has written a handy little guidebook for students embarking on the journey of formal theological study. Written in the spirit of classics such as Thielcke’s *A Little Exercise for Young Theologians*, this brief guide seeks to set out not the substance of theology but the way its study should be approached and practiced. This “little book” is divided into two sections; the first sets out reasons why the study of theology is important and the second, larger section outlines characteristics of the faithful theologian. There is nothing in this work that most evangelical Protestants will find controversial or problematic. Kopic does well to move beyond just such topics as the relationship between faith and reason, prayer and study, and the humble posture of the theologian. He also engages such matters as the need for faithful theology to be rooted in the church and a faithfully practicing community that seeks justice for all and has a living faith. As such, the book is balanced and holistic in its approach and would make for a great assigned text for introductory theology courses at colleges and seminaries.

Throughout the book, numerous short quotations are inserted as text boxes. While these provide additional tidbits to support and enlighten the discussion, their insertion into the middle of paragraphs and even breaking sentences in half can interrupt the flow of the reader. Despite this potentially distracting feature, the work as a whole should make for a very helpful resource to both students beginning the formal study of theology as well as everyday Christians in the pew who wish to take the theological nature of Christian practice seriously.