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Anne Dutton, while not a household name among current day Christians, was well-known among 18th century believers throughout Britain and the American colonies. Dutton carried on a large ministry via writing to numerous believers who were exhorted and counseled through her letters. These letters and other writings, including an autobiography, were published during her lifetime. Joann Ford Watson, theology professor at Ashland Theological Seminary, has compiled these letters and writings making them available to readers today. *Words of Grace*, the seventh volume compiled by Dr. Watson, contains letters written by Anne Dutton to noted evangelist George Whitefield and to other friends and relatives. Her letters contain a wealth of biblical references showcasing the depth of her own spiritual life and experiences.

These letters provide multiple uses to today's readers. Students of spiritual formation will find these letters helpful for their own reading and spiritual formation as well as for studying the spiritual habits of 18th century believers. Students of theology and history will find these letters a useful primary source in studying this time period and the work and ministry of George Whitefield. This work is particularly useful as women theologians were very rare in this time period. While useful to scholars in several fields, this work is recommended with reservation. Libraries with large collections in Baptist theology or George Whitefield will desire to obtain this book. Libraries who have earlier volumes in this set will desire to complete the series.