Hart's "50 Things You Need to Know About Heaven" (Book Review)

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Book Reviews

50 Things You Need to Know About Heaven,

Reviewed by Amy Bessin, Instructional Services Librarian, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

Dr. John Hart’s 50 Things You Need to Know About Heaven provides a broad overview of a topic that is often shrouded in mystery. The book is laid out in a user-friendly format with each chapter devoted to answering a single question about heaven. Because the table of contents lists each question, the reader can easily go to a specific topic of interest rather than having to read the book cover to cover to find information on a specific topic. The book is written in an approachable style, which makes it relatively easy to understand even for someone who might not be a theological scholar.

The extensive nature of the book (covering 50 unique questions) means that a wide variety of questions are covered, but also that each question has to be answered fairly simplistically. The answers presented in 50 Things You Need to Know about Heaven are based on Scripture and each chapter provides the reader with additional Scriptures to read if further study on the topic is desired. This text would be a good addition to a library with readers who are personally searching biblical truths or readers who are relatively new to the study of theology.

The Abingdon Introduction to the Bible:
Understanding Jewish and Christian Scriptures,

Reviewed by Brian W. Holda, Web Development & Instructional Librarian, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI

Although I am no Bible scholar, I am a researcher and Bible student, as well as one who loves God and His Word as best as I know how. As such, I assess that The Abingdon Introduction to the Bible significantly fails to live up to its title, and should not be recommended.