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# Book Reviews

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Conway, C. M. (2017). *John and the Johannine letters*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. 188 pp. \$29.99. ISBN 9781426766398

Colleen Conway, a professor of religious studies at Seton Hall University, provides an introduction to the Gospel of John and Johannine letters. This book contains a variety of inquisitive questions that coincide with certain sections of the Gospel of John and Johannine letters. Conway contributes into the area of Johannine writings by allowing a reader further understanding in the area of study. This book gives a reader an overview into the subject which then could lead a reader into researching more in this area. It is implied that the purpose for this book is for the reader to obtain an introduction into the Gospel of John along with the Johannine letters. Also, the reader is to gain understanding into thinking critically as he or she reads the Bible. Conway challenges a reader to think differently about how to handle gender issues when he or she reads the Bible.

Conway presents this book as biblical criticism introductory resource for Johannine writings. This book adds to the area of gender studies as it examines gender issues in the Gospel of John and Johannine letters. Conway provides examples of these issues and shares different scholarly views of these various issues. This book would benefit New Testament seminary students by allowing them to think critically in the area of Johannine writings. The book would be a helpful resource for a Bible Exposition course covering the Gospel of John and Johannine letters. The issues discussed in this book could be a resource for a student to find out what scholars are writing about these issues and how these scholars are interpreting the Bible.

The book is compiled with a notes section, bibliography, and scripture index. A conclusion section to the book and having a summary section of different views covered in this book would have helped with clarity. This book adds to the field of study as a helpful introduction for an individual studying the Gospel of John and Johannine letters. Conway challenges a reader to think differently than what he or she has been taught or studied in the past. This book portrays as a thorough introductory book.

## **Reviewer**

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