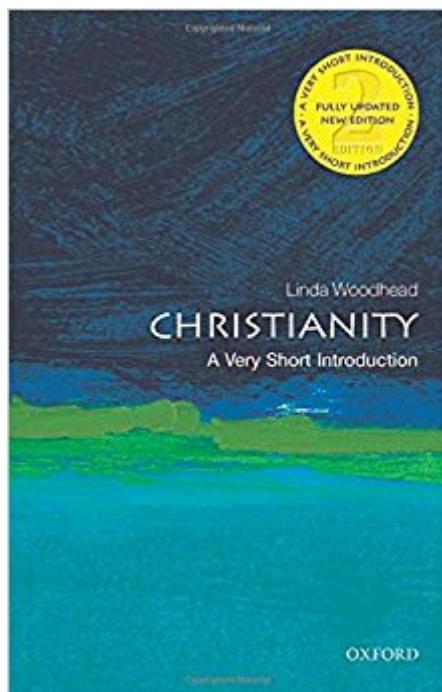


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Review from previous edition: "her analysis is subtle and perceptive." --Independent on Sunday  
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interests lie in the entanglements of religion, politics, and economy, both historically and in the contemporary world. Between 2007 and 2013 she directed the Religion and Society Programme <http://www.religionandsociety.org.uk>, the UK's largest ever research investment on religion. Her books include Religion and Change in Modern Britain, A Sociology of Religious Emotions, and The Spiritual Revolution: Why Religion is Giving Way to Spirituality.

I thought the book did a great job explaining the origins of Christianity, the religious foundations of the faith, and history of the branches of the religion from its inception to the present day.

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This book provides an excellent overview of the Christian religion. There is little doubt that Christianity is an incredibly diverse religion, yet this book is able to adequately account for these wide differences. If you would like to get introduced to this religion, its basic beliefs and rituals, and its history, this is a great starting point. And, I am actually a moderate anti-theist and an atheist.

Good reading.

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A good read and the book was in great condition as seller had mentioned. Cannot be happier with purchase!

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