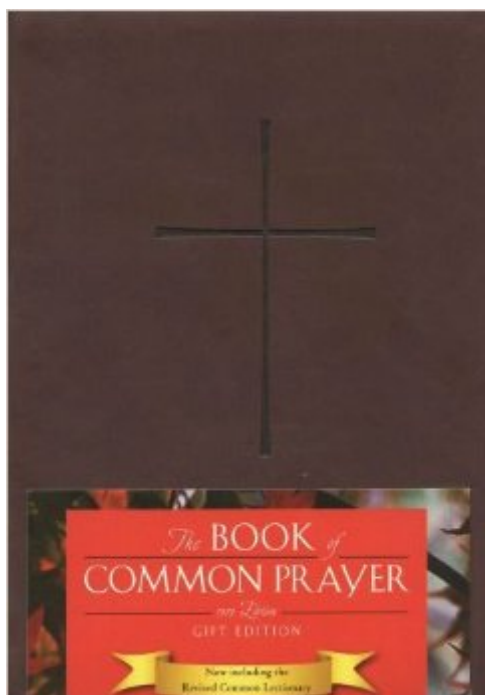


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I didn't have my own BCP or one of those fancy leatherbound BCP/Hymnals with gold lettering etched into the bottom corner which seem to be all the rage in the Episcopal church. I wanted a BCP because I am generally new to the Episcopal church but I didn't want to part with a hundred bucks to get a fancy pants BCP... especially considering that I usually pay around 20 bucks for a bible. Enter the mini-BCP. This is an exact replica of the BCP that's in the rack in front of you, or beside you, or under you in the church. The difference is that it's much smaller, about the size of a "gift book" which is why I suppose they call this the "Gift Edition". If you have poor eyesight you may want to look at another version of the BCP but this is great if you want to bring it along to the Eucharist and even better if you'd like to see the BCP and explore it on your own. The quality is great. I thought this was "imitation leather" but from all I can tell it's the real deal. It's not "genuine" but it's some type of hybrid with leather involved. There is a single ribbon to mark with and it's a nice quality printing. This is actually a much higher quality than the pew books and I could see this

lasting many years. I've already had it a year and it looks brand new.

I like this edition a great deal. As an Episcopal priest have found it to be an ideal confirmation and personal gift. It is flexible, travels well, and the cover has a wonderful feel to the touch. I prefer the brown color. Many people over the years have said repeatedly that it has become one of their favorite books.

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All I can say is "thank you". Everybody needs this common prayer book, regardless of your denomination. Reading through it gives one a feeling of belonging to a larger denomination - that of all Christians. The prayers in the back have the same effect. It's a must have item for anyone seeking a closer relationship with their creator.

I bought this for my husband when he was ordained a deacon and he loves it! He especially likes the three ribbon bookmarks so that he can mark more than one thing at a time. We got the cover engraved at a local Christian bookstore, and the gold-leaf looks really nice with the gold edges on the pages. There was also a place to dedicate the book to him and to write the occasion. It is very easy to read, and stacks nicely with a standard-sized Bible.

As another reviewer noted, this is a hardback book, not leather. It's also printed on very thin and flimsy paper in teeeeeny type. The historical bits in the front of the book look like they're six-point type: the main text is ten-point. Don't buy this book if you're interested in putting it to hard, daily use and/or highlighting portions of text, or if your eyesight is less than keen.

Nice book, but the pages are too thin. The printing on the back of the page shows through on the front of the page. The print size is good and it is nice to have the ribbon page markers.

Well constructed, Large Print is easy to read. Leather and cover are beautiful. The content goes without saying. A must for any Episcopalian or anyone interested in that denomination. In fact I would recommend it for any christian. A must have and economical buy for what you are getting.

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