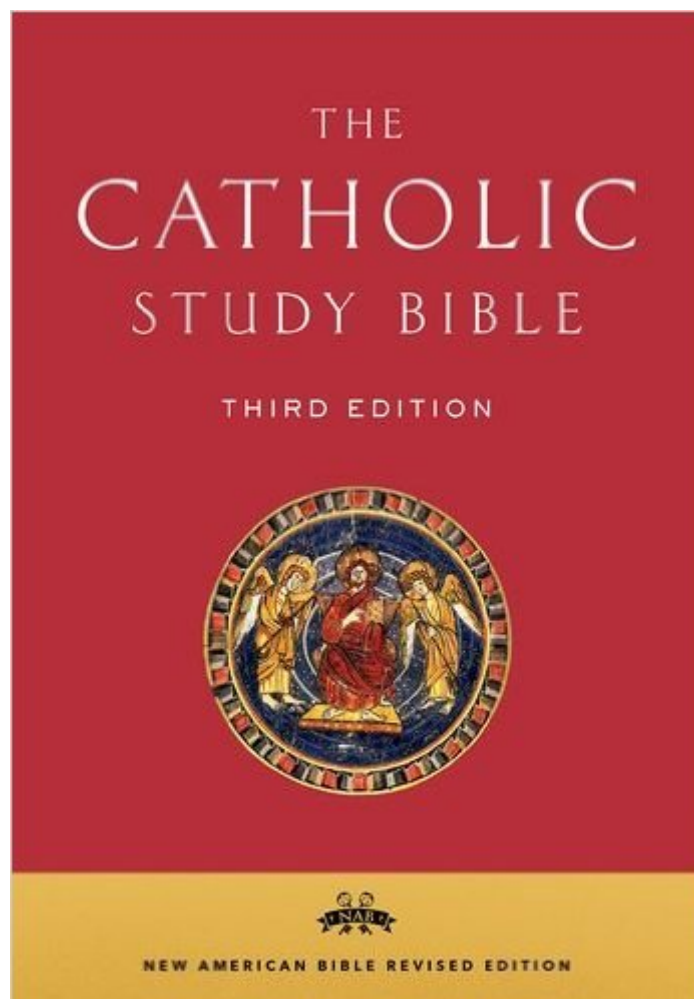


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Concerning the paperback version: Sturdy & well-made, which it needs to be because it's over 2" thick, not 1.6" as indicates. Even though the book is trade paperback size, I was concerned it would be printed in some microfont; happily the printer reduced the margins and kept a reasonably sized font. I've been reading the iBook version of NABRE for years now, so of course that great, readable translation conveys with its extensive footnotes & cross-references. Items that may be significant to other readers: For presenting itself as a study Bible, the margins are uselessly narrow only about 0.5". The Table of Contents does little or nothing to distinguish major sections of the book (e.g. Readers' Guide (RG), OT, NT, &c) from parts within these major sections.

Considering the RG contents mimic those of the OT & NT, there seems to be some real opportunity for confusion until the reader becomes more acquainted with the volume. Although I hoped for them against all expectations & good reason, this book does not have thumb indices. In the absence of thumb indices, I am particularly disappointed that the printer didn't bleed any kind of markings to any page edges to indicate at least major section boundaries (Reader's Guide, OT, NT, Maps, etc.) These would be the "poor man's" thumb indices, but there's not a one. What kind of student reference edition is this supposed to be? >>> Heavy-Referencing Readers: get out your markers or Post-it tabs you'll need to do something yourself if you want any ability to navigate around this thick volume quickly. With neither thumb indices nor page-edge indicators, the reader's reliance on the ToC increases, and so the ToC's uninspired formatting becomes more aggravating. Adding some kind of "navigational aid" and improving the ToC could be all this publication needs to become a superb reference. At present the hard-bound edition is only \$5 more expensive. If I hadn't already started marking the sections, I wouldn't hesitate to return my paperback & get the hardback version.

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