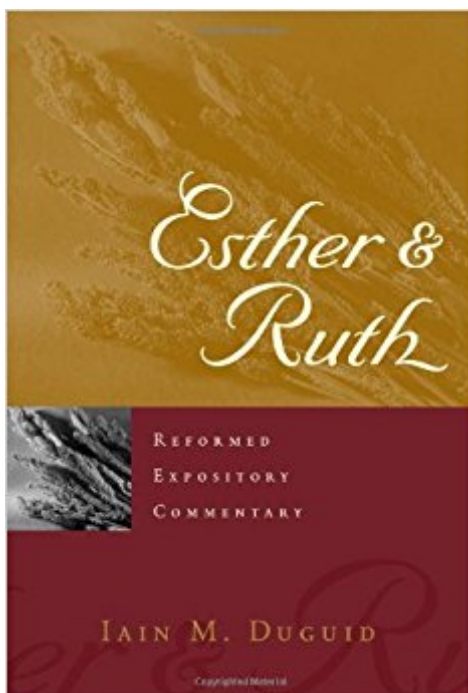


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Iain M. Duguid (PhD, University of Cambridge) is professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. He has written numerous works of biblical exposition, including Esther & Ruth and Daniel in the Reformed Expository Commentary series.

I love to teach the books of Esther and Ruth. They are fast paced, full of surprises, lots of intrigue and even a good dose of romance (Ruth specifically). I have so many commentaries on these two books and have my outlines already done and prepared for whenever any group wants to study the books. Soooo, why did I buy another book on Esther and Ruth? That's easy, our senior Pastor is preaching through Esther this summer. He purchased some commentaries on Esther and just to make shipping costs reasonable he had the warehouse throw in this copy of Esther by Iain Duguid. He told me this was the greatest surprise of his life. He said this book was worth the price of all the others combined. Well, it got my attention because I have never even heard of Iain Duguid. I previewed the other Pastor's copy and was hooked from the opening chapter. I had to have my own copy. I ordered it and impatiently waited for it to arrive. I devoured the book as soon as I got it. I'm now an Iain Duguid fan. He took a subject that I am familiar with and gave me new insights, new provoking thoughts to consider and shook some of my beliefs about the books to their roots. I will now be looking over my lesson plans and readdressing some areas, shoring up some thoughts and making huge improvements. Thank you Iain for a very well done commentary. I enjoyed it so much I eagerly ordered Iain's commentary on Daniel. If you are going to do a serious study of Esther or Ruth this book IS A MUST! Enjoy!

I've come to find that Duguid has released many commentaries. This was my introductory commentary into his many. I was pleased. I used it for a college Biblical exegesis, and I found that I agreed with Duguid's findings more than any of the other sources or commentaries I used. I would highly recommend it for any pastor who plans on spending time in a book of Esther, or a Bible student who needs to exegete for a class. I'm sure I'll find myself buying more of Duguid's commentaries in the future. Just an FYI: Duguid's notes and commentary read more like a sermon manuscript than most commentaries. This may make the more researching-styled students read a little more to get the notes he or she needs, but it doesn't hinder from the true expertise and well-researched notes that Duguid makes. While Duguid does keep his notes on a certain passage

of a text down to a minimum, he isn't like most commentators who style their commentary very easily as in, "Verses 1 -3; Commentary."

Iain Duguid is one of my favorite authors. His understanding of the Old Testament, coupled with his ability articulate it in such an accessible manner, makes his books a pleasure to read. He also is masterful at drawing implications for believers today from Old Testament passages. His writings on Ruth and Esther have added a new dimension to my understanding of the Old Testament, of these two women, and of Jesus' work among His people both then and now.

I love reading this commentary. It is challenging and yet written with humor. Seeing the irony of the situation of the Book of Esther catches one off guard, while at the same time the author makes application of biblical principles to the lives of believers today. I will enjoy having it as a resource for our bible study.

The exposition is very simple and easy to understand, also beautiful pointing to Jesus, the goal of every book in the bible.

I am currently doing a study on Ruth and was looking for a commentary that was more of a theological approach. This is it. It is in depth and very detailed. I have not ventured into Esther yet but this author is great. He has other commentaries as well and I plan to add them all to my collection.

Well written and a must read.

Dr. Duguid does an excellent job of mixing beautiful scholarship with practical application that makes for a wonderful commentary for both Pastors and layman.

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