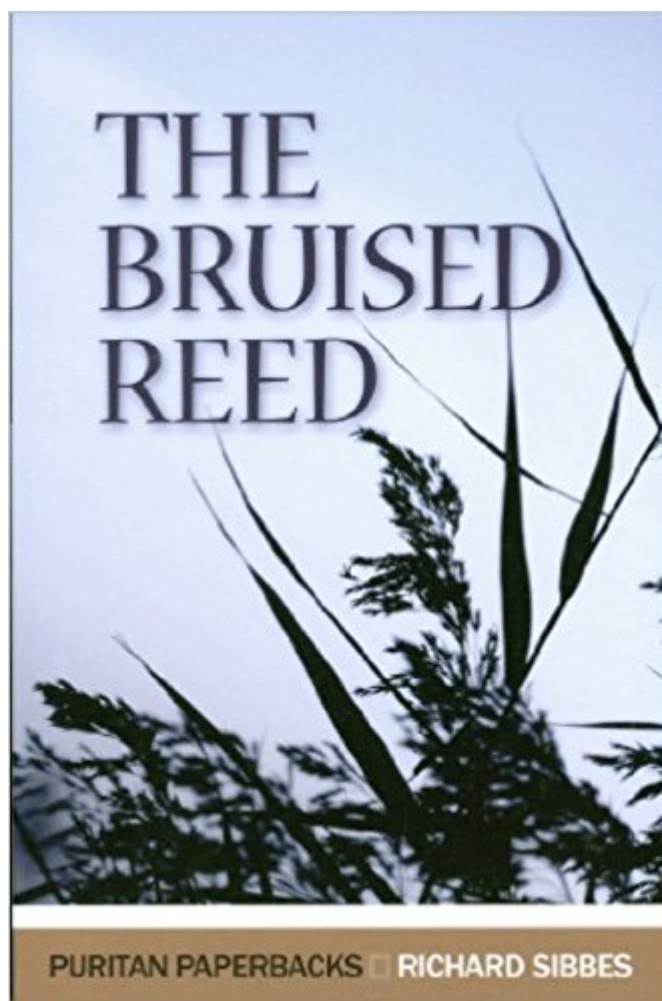


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# The Bruised Reed (Puritan Paperbacks)



## Synopsis

Richard Sibbes (1577-1635), one of the most influential figures in the Puritan movement during the earlier years of the seventeenth century, was renowned for the rich quality of his ministry. 'The Bruised Reed' shows why he was known among his contemporaries as 'the sweet dropper'. 'The Bruised Reed' is now issued for the first time in a smaller format in the Puritan Paperbacks series. Some of the language and punctuation have been modernized to make the work more accessible.

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'I shall never cease to be grateful to...Richard Sibbes who was balm to my soul at a period in my life when I was overworked and badly overtired, and therefore subject in an unusual manner to the onslaughts of the devil...I found at that time that Richard Sibbes, who was known in London in the early seventeenth century as "The Heavenly Doctor Sibbes" was an unfailing remedy...The Bruised Reed.. quieted, soothed, comforted, encouraged and healed me.' --D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Richard Sibbes was born at Tostock, Suffolk, in 1577 and went to school in Bury St Edmunds. His father, 'a good sound-hearted Christian', at first intended that Richard should follow his own trade as a wheelwright, but the boy's 'strong inclination to his books, and well-profiting therein' led to his going up to St John's College, Cambridge in 1595. He was converted around 1602-3 through the powerful ministry of Paul Bayne, the successor of William Perkins in the pulpit of Great St Andrew's

Church. After earning his B.D. in 1610, Sibbes was appointed a lecturer at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge. Later, through the influence of friends, he was chosen to be the preacher at Gray's Inn, London, and he remained there until 1626. In that year he returned to Cambridge as Master of St Catherine's Hall, and later returned to Holy Trinity, this time as its vicar. He was granted a Doctorate in Divinity in 1627, and was thereafter frequently referred to as 'the heavenly Doctor Sibbes'. He continued to exercise his ministry at Gray's Inn, London, and Holy Trinity, Cambridge, until his death on 6 July 1635 at the age of 58.

and non-Christians to learn what the Puritans really believed. I have a private wish that someone in authority in the U.S. will discover the Puritan writers and start a revival again. The Puritans were not all gloom and black clothing. They trusted in the supremacy of Christ and were addressing the lack of commitment of the church at large. Richard Sibbes is trying to get the church to see that our forgiveness in Christ is complete, and any works we do will not matter. He has done it all. Oh and My son in law did the art work and the annotations.

A great devotional read for those whose hearts need encouragement from the truth of the gospel. Not a systematic work, but rather a meditation on God's mercy in Christ, this book cannot help but be an encouragement to those struggling with sin and faith.

This book lends such insight into the Christian life, that it ought to be read by everyone who professes true faith. Richard Sibbes is an exceptionally tender and patient pastor of hundreds of years ago, whose heart of understanding communicates as effectively today as he did back then. New edition is lovely and just as convenient, size-wise, to carry about as you read through it. Sound, theological correctness is balanced superbly with grace and kindness. Rejoicing that it is back in print after being UNAVAILABLE for many years!

As a huge fan of puritan literature, and agreeing with most everyone who recommends reading the "dead guys" first before opening any book by an author still living -- this masterpiece is not to be missed. I've never been so blessed yet humbled at the same time from reading a single book. Some may complain about the writing style -- not quite "Olde English" but yes, it was written 400 years ago, so yes, it may sound weird to us living in the 21st century. My opinion is that the writing style actually contributes to the flow and understanding of the overall book -- it helps the reader to slow down, and contemplate the wonderful imagery and illustrations Sibbes uses to portray such radical

and amazing yet unmerited grace our Savior provides through the Cross. I love this illustrated version of the classic, with the awesome artwork and visualizations and concise chapters. Definitely looking forward to more from the Illustrated Puritan series. If you are looking for a gospel-saturated book, one that is tried and true, look no further. "Whatsoever may be wished for in an all-sufficient comforter, is all to be found in Christ...there is more mercy in Christ than sin in us." - Sibbes

What a great encouragement these words are. The puritans understand grace and the place of obedient faith so well. Pray this and you will be changed daily.

I haven't finished this book yet, and it will take me a while, because I have to stop frequently and give myself time to fully digest this rich meal. The passage in the Bible, found both in the Old Testament and the New, about the "bruised reed" and the "smoking flax" has never been so meaningful to me as now, and I am greatly strengthened, encouraged, and made joyful as a result. The main lesson I am getting from Sibbes is the incredible KINDNESS of our Lord--His tenderheartedness toward every one of us who wants His love. Even if you lean toward arminianism, as I do, you will gain much, much value from reading Sibbes. I find many jewels of wisdom among writers with whom I may disagree on some points, and Sibbes has given me revelation that I am very happy to have received.

Though hard for my dull mind to work through because of the depth of teaching and older English than I'm used to, this is one of the most insightful and encouraging books I've ever read. For Christians plagued by doubts and fears, this is a must read.

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