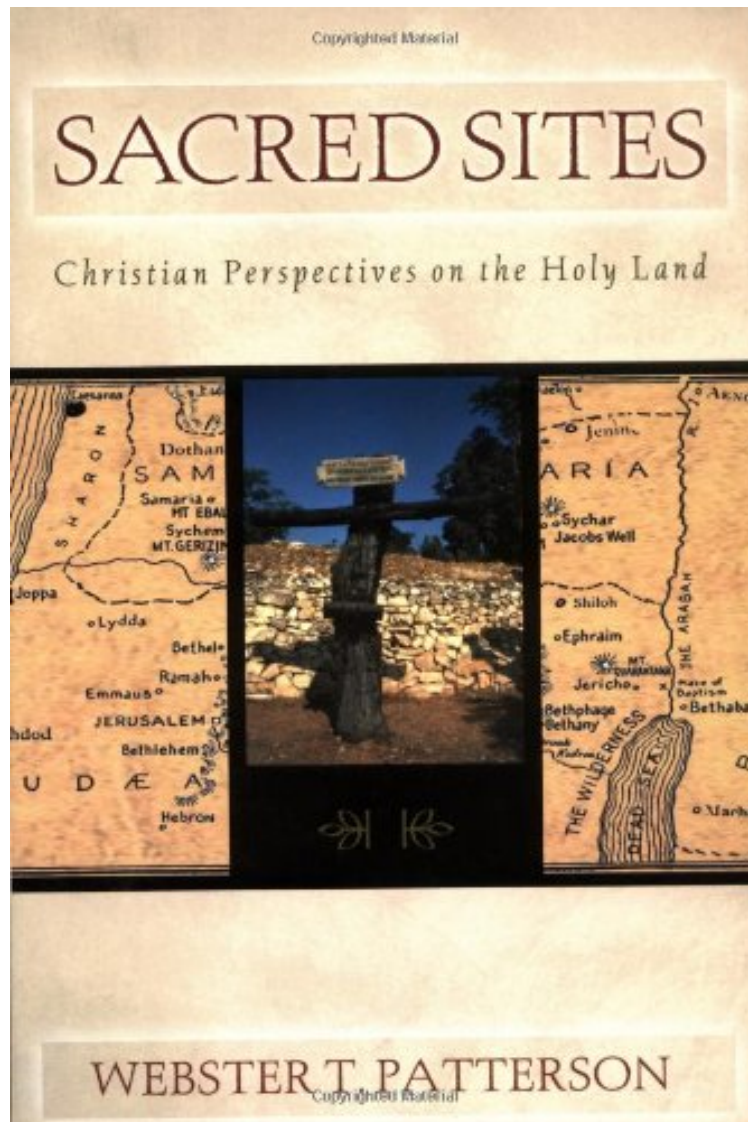


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Webster T Patterson : Sacred Sites: Christian Perspectives on the Holy Land before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sacred Sites: Christian Perspectives on the Holy Land:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Nice travel companion By Buenoslibros.es This is a nicely edited and easy to carry book. Combines scripture quotes, whole episodes, with historical analyses, comments from today's perspective that are mighty interesting to the traveller, and some bw pictures. The book is written in a friendly, helpful tone, of a man that has been a tour guide to the Holy Land for years. This is a great pro: Christians will sure appreciate the tone of respect and veneration for these places described by the author. It is not the kind of book one can so often

get from the secular perspective. On the other hand it is overtly Catholic. There are a few historical maps, nothing grand, but for the price it's ok. Since I'm not a Catholic I couldn't help but wonder what those places would look like where there no churches to obstruct the imagination. I would just have left them empty as they were, but protected, of course. One more thing. The pictures are nice but few, and some are even repeated. The book is ok, but I think the author could have done much better; he could have told a lot of interesting anecdotes and detail that travelers are so anxious to hear. It's good for the price, though. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Cathryn McRuer-Wong Great guide book with a lot of information. Good size to pack along on your trip.

Writings on the Holy Land tend to be overly pious on the one hand or else burdened with dense academic jargon on the other. In SACRED SITES, Webster Patterson deftly avoids these extremes by incorporating solid research into an accurate, reverent, and highly readable presentation. His book provides vibrant descriptions of the more authentic and significant biblical locations and combines the history and archaeology of ancient Christian sites with sound scriptural and theological scholarship. SACRED SITES vividly conveys the atmosphere of actually being in these sacred places-- both as they are now and as they were at the time of Christ. The book not only explains the meaning of specific sites but also explores the area as a whole, using scripture, recent theology, and modern archaeology as guides. The book focuses on sites specific to Jesus' life in Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth as well as the larger Greco-Roman world in which he lived and ministered. In the final chapter, Patterson searches out the sites frequented by the Apostles and the first Jewish Christians after the Ascension. Although this book will delight visitors to the Holy Land, it will also make the reading of scripture come alive, even for armchair pilgrims.

If you know the Holy Land, you will delight in these photographs, maps, and essays. -- Dr. James J. Buckley, Professor of Theology, Dean of Faculty, Loyola College in Maryland, and associate editor of , Modern Theology and Pro Ecclesia It should be in the hands of all thoughtful pilgrims. -- Jerry Murphy-O'Connor, O.P. About the Author Patterson, who holds an S.T.D, degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, is professor emeritus of theology at Loyola College, Baltimore, where he taught scripture and systematic theology for 30 years.