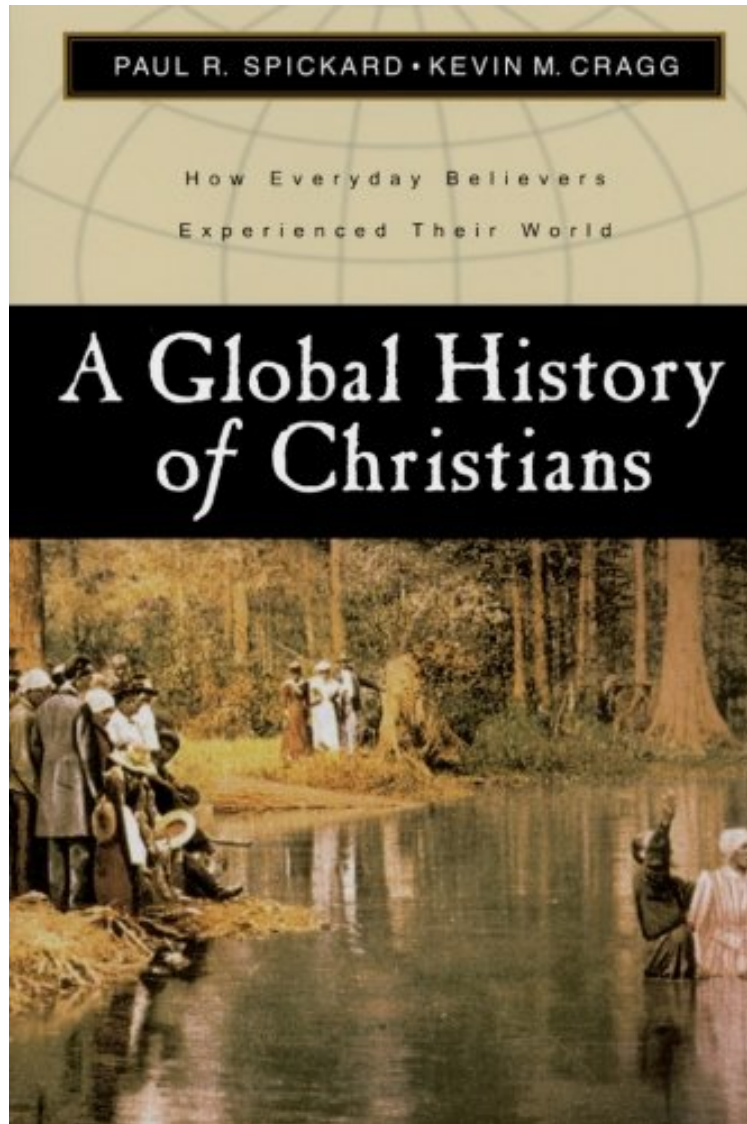


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Helpful but Out-of-Date SurveyBy MWCA someone who teaches church history at a Protestant Seminary in Asia, I found this book extremely helpful as a broad survey of Christian

history. The strength of the volume is highlighting how the theological debates filtered down into the everyday lives of believers, at many points, such as during the medieval church, some of the esoteric debates made little difference. Another strength is the author's ability to weave a more global picture of Christianity with helpful chapters that survey Christianity in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. As the Christian church becomes increasingly global it becomes important for Christians from these areas of the world to discover their Christian roots. This is true of some of my students from China who appreciate learning about the early Nestorians, or still yet later, Jesuit missionaries, that predated the much more modern Protestant missions of the 19th-century. Altogether I would strongly recommend this volume as a helpful general survey, but the list of suggested readings is grossly out-of-date and I came up with a page of typos. I can only hope that the publisher will produce a revised and expanded version. If they were to do so, I would consider using it as a text for a class I teach on global Christianity.

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