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### Religion

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**The Reformation to the modern church: a reader in Christian theology**, ed. by Keith D. Stanglin. Fortress, 2014. 472p bibl  
afp ISBN 9781451465518 pbk, \$49.00.

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Stanglin (historical theology, Austin Graduate School of Theology) has compiled a solid reader chronicling Christian theological thought from the Reformation to the modern church. Focusing on "most important theological contributions and developments" to Western thought, the volume can be used as a text for those studying and teaching church history. This reviewer agrees with Stanglin's assessment that most primary source readers examining this time period are either too narrow or too broad, with most falling into the latter category by including the whole of church history and theological thought. This compilation allows for ample exploration of the period, and the editor included further readings at the end of each chapter. Stanglin did a remarkable job of organizing the documents and placing them in the context of church history while also identifying and profiling major thinkers who made significant contributions to theological thought during each particular period. Comprehensive, but not all encompassing, the collection will serve as an excellent introduction to many major primary source documents and to major theological concepts of each time period.

--J. S. Sabol, Marymount California University

Summing Up: Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, professionals.