

Scribes and Scripture: The Amazing Story of How We Got the Bible

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Have you ever wondered how we got the Bible that we use today? What about those footnotes in your Bible that refer to alternate texts and different translations? What about the suggestion by some that the Bible has been translated so many times that we can't trust it? Is that right? And how do we choose among the myriad English versions available today?

This book provides answers to all these questions and more. The authors cover the origins of the original text as well as textual criticism, the art and science of evaluating the differences and similarities in ancient manuscripts. They also describe the fascinating process by which the canon (which books are included in the Bible) was developed over time, dispelling some of the popular myths of today. They also cover the importance of translation and the history of the English Bible in all its varieties.

Finally they address the Bible as the Word of God and why, despite and because of its history, we can have full confidence in the truths it contains. I recommend this book for anyone who is curious to learn more about the Bible.