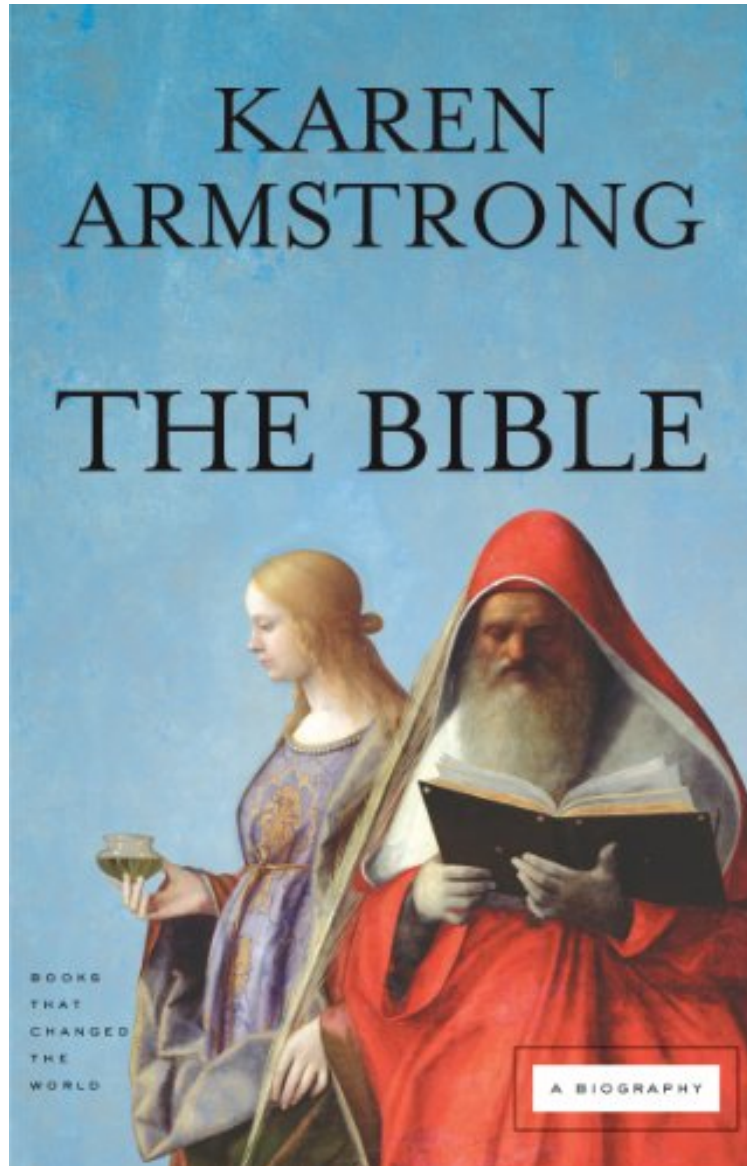


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hoVon Zinda RudA great elaboration and yet summarized interconnection of historical violence. It does not bother with theology 'an sich' but how the theology is interpreted and employed, an aspect in which Karen Armstrong is successful.² von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A New Perspective on the Bible Von James
Gallen This book provides an overview of the story of the Bible, not the text itself, but how it was written, how the canon was selected and how it has been interpreted and used over the centuries. Spanning the millennia from the writing to the present, it gives a view of the place of the Bible in the world that is often missing when reading about a particular book or theme of the Scriptures. Author Karen Armstrong introduces, or reminds, the reader, about the sources of the Old and New Testament, the multiple authors of Isaiah and the way the Bible shaped the Jewish self-image. As it progresses, she cites comments by many writers, Christian and Jewish, including Sts. Augustine and Jerome, Martin Luther and many others. I have read a fair amount about the Bible (see my Listmania, "Thinking of God") but I learned things I had not previously known. From my perspective, telling the story in a continuum is the most helpful aspect of this book. For one who has studied the Bible less deeply, it will provide a good introduction.

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