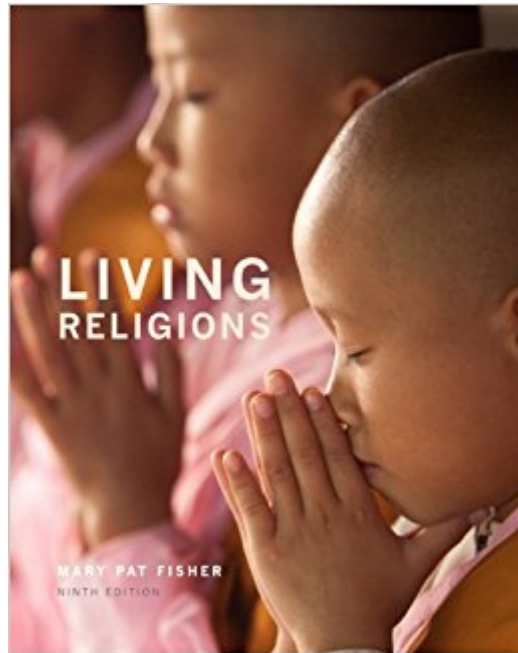




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Mary Pat Fisher writes about all religions, not only from academic research, but also from her experiences with religions around the world. Much of her knowledge comes from the unique interfaith community in India, Gobind Sadan, where she has lived since 1991. In addition to eight editions of Living Religions, she has written other textbooks about religions and also about art.

Coming from a nation with multi ethnicity multi religiosity, I realize after reading this book for a world religions class that it has not been objective in the way it portrays each religion and there are parts that are misleading. Very disappointed especially when you are truly seeking to understand the different religions, both the good and the bad. The book also seems biased towards Islam as the entire read on the chapter on Islam seems to portray Christianity in a bad light and Islam as peaceful and we know enough of history to know that both religions have violent historical backgrounds.

Unfortunately I only found out towards the end of my semester, but this particular print was obviously botched. It's missing the last few pages of the Christianity chapter and the first few pages

of the Islam chapter. There are also another 10 pages of the Islam chapter that are repeated but perhaps this is to make up for a batch of missing pages in the middle of the chapter. Pretty frustrating.

This is a textbook, and my assumption was that all 9th edition texts would be the same, but evidently different colleges can make modifications, and even though my school is using this edition, the chapters are in a different order, and each chapter is a little different in the way the parts are put together.

I had to get this textbook for a class I was taking and I really enjoyed reading it. It wasn't very detailed on the Christianity chapter but the other chapters (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and others) were very easy to follow and you wanted to keep reading and find out about the other religious beliefs and cultures. I am very happy that my instructor chose this book to help us learn about different religions.

Good Deal. Well written and Illustrated. More interesting than most textbooks with some incite into daily lives of people with different social and religious backgrounds. I would recommend this book to someone that is not taking college courses and just wants a well-rounded understanding of the world's major religions.

I've been using this book (or a version of it) for years. Mary Fisher does a great job of getting as much information in as possible while keeping it accessible for undergrads. It is a great resource and a great text for World Religions classes.

This is a great book written by open-minded, compassionate people who love God and humanity and treasure the common heritage of mankind -- religion. They observe religions from a positive, objective point of view, whereby bring out the currency, strengths and issues of the religions for the readers to understand and ponder. It is written in the language that is lucid and cogent. Read it to expand your horizon of faith, knowledge, understanding and compassion!

It is what was needed and reasonable price for a college text book. I will be buying online more often. There was no damage to this book, the cd was included (even tho I did not need it). I am very happy with the book.

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