

The most-read Century book reviews

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Here are the *Century* book reviews that got read the most online this year.

- 1) [**Larry Hurtado reviews Bart Ehrman**](#): Ehrman's conclusions aren't novel to anyone familiar with historical scholarship on Christology. But those aren't the readers he has in mind.
- 2) [**Tony Jones reviews Matthew Vines and Ken Wilson**](#): Can one be both an evangelical and affirming of same-sex relationships? Into this minefield have stepped two new voices, one younger and one older.
- 3) [**James Bratt reviews D. G. Hart**](#): Some classic works on the origins of modernity give pride of place to Calvinism. Hart will have none of it.
- 4) [**Heidi Haverkamp reviews Verlee Copeland and Dale Rosenberger**](#): The mainline has struggled to express an ethics or spirituality of sexuality. Copeland and Rosenberger seek to fill that gap.
- 5) [**Charles Scriven reviews Brian McLaren**](#): Academics may find no theological breakthrough in McLaren's latest book, but the ones who care about church life may still do a double take.
- 6) [**Amy Frykholm reviews Amy DeRogatis**](#): The old stereotype is that evangelicals are unable or unwilling to talk about sex. Lately, the reality is the opposite.
- 7) [**John Turner reviews Charles Marsh**](#): Marsh brings readers closer to Dietrich Bonhoeffer than, at the very least, any prior biographer writing in English.
- 8) [**David Wood reviews Jason Byassee and Roger Owens's edited volume on Eugene Peterson**](#): To Peterson, a church is not a demarcated zone of idealized community. The potential for misdirection and distraction abounds.
- 9) [**Alexandra Brown reviews N. T. Wright**](#): Wright aims to show how Paul's story of the crucified and risen Messiah is at the same time the story of Israel rescued

from extended exile.

10) [John Haught reviews Elizabeth Johnson](#): Johnson shows how biblically informed faith comes alive when we look at the world through the lens of Darwin's *Origin of Species*.

11) [Katherine Willis Pershey reviews Micha Boyett](#): Boyett writes tenderly about her Southern Baptist background, even as she grafts herself into a more liturgical expression of the faith.

12) [Richard Lischer reviews Julian Barnes](#): Barnes's attempt to console himself with "It's just the universe doing its stuff" recalls C.S. Lewis's recoil from the "goodness" of God.

13) [Stanley Hauerwas reviews Gerhard Lohfink](#): In these short talks, Lohfink revisits themes from *Jesus and Community*. His account of Jesus is determinatively eschatological.

14) [Ted Peters reviews Ian McFarland](#): McFarland's book on the doctrine of creation is a book about nothing. It has a lot to say about it.