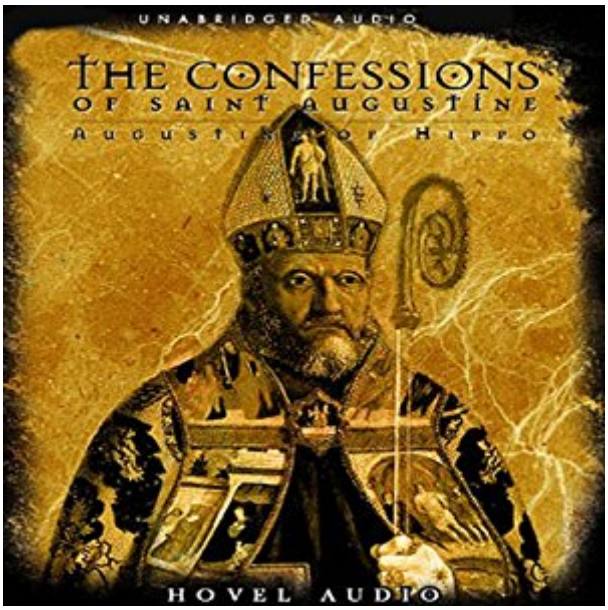
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Customer Reviews

I love the Confessions. And this translation is fine to read. But this is a significantly abridged edition. It doesn’t say so in the product description or on the cover. If you want to read the entire Confessions find a different edition.

I first read The Confessions of St. Augustine at 18, again at 23, and about 15 years ago. This kindle edition was available free and I jumped at the chance to read it once more, as my vision is fading, and font can be enlarged on kindle. And this time, it is modern English. This classic is so relatable, everyone should read it, believer or not. Augustine’s relationship with Christ is solike that so many of us experience. Enlightening, exhorting, encouraging, thought-provoking, inspiring. And no, it is not outdated, nor is it difficult to understand. See for yourself; you will not regret it.

The last chapter was difficult to understand, possibly because I was tired when I read it. The rest of the book was easier to comprehend and I could empathize with St. Augustine ' many realities.

First translation of the Confessions I've ever found to be readable. It uses modern language, which avoids the distraction of the Olde English vernacular, making it much easier to comprehend on first reading (well, as comprehensible as St. Augustine can be, anyhow). Even so, the translator manages to retain the reverence, awe and humanness that flows through all of St. Augustine's writings.

I have tried to read other translations of this book before but I couldn't get interested but this translation is wonderful! This book gives a lot of food for thought. It gives such a nice insight into that time period and makes St. Augustine so wonderfully human. He talks about playing games and how much he loved his dear friends and his struggles, temptations and sins. A really nice read!

I was very happy with this purchase. I had started to read a free, public domain version of the Confessions but found the old english cumbersome and slow. I tried this one and found it very readable. Each chapter contains notes that also help to explain references that Augustine makes which are very helpful. I would recommend it.

For the serious, devout seeker who is looking for inspiration and challenging prose, this might be a five star. I did not finish the book because I found it tedious and repetitive. That is not to say that I did not find it inspiring and meaningful. I did. Possibly more contemporary, spiritual writing might be more to my liking. I can see this book being a good candidate for an extended group discussion on St. Augustine's beliefs and their relevance to the modern world.

It does not water down the content of the book, but I will dare to say that it enhances it. This is an excellent book, a classic that I find myself going back to, over and over. I strongly recommend it for the depth of its reflections and the significance of all the topics Augustine addresses which are timeless and still apply in our day. This translation is excellent and makes you connect with the text in a more meaningful way if that's even possible.

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