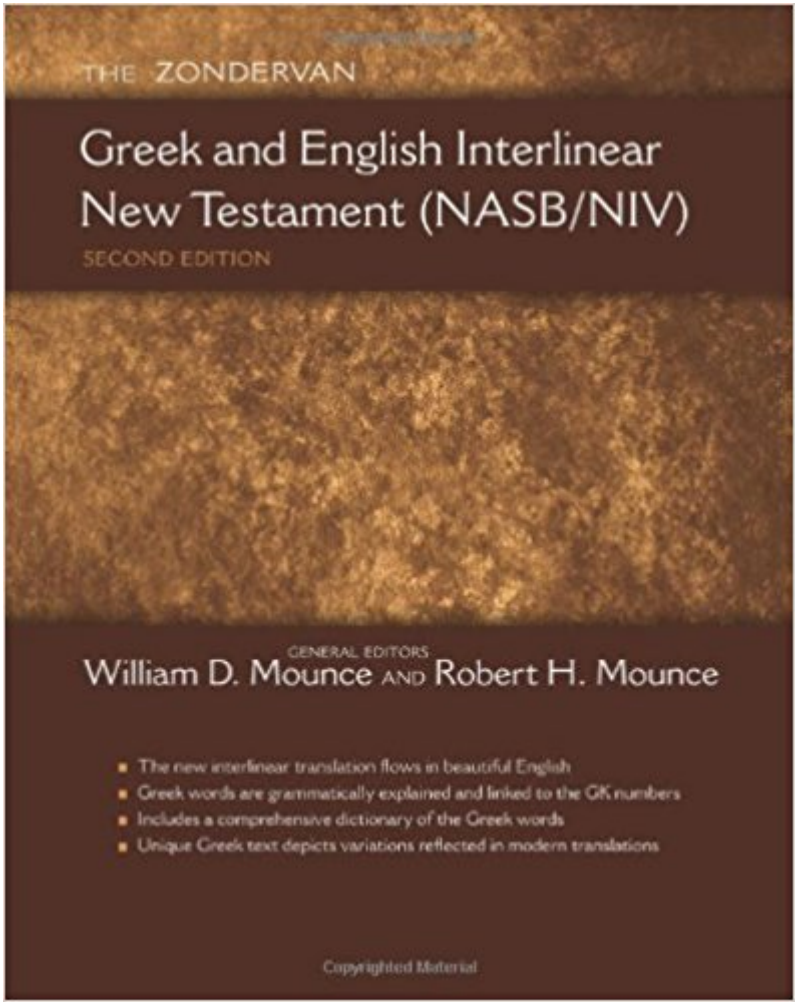
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I purchased this book about a month ago and have used it extensively ever since. The text has a three column format: a narrow column with the NIV on the left, a narrow column with the NASB on the right, and a large central column containing the Greek / English interlinear. The interlinear is very well done. It is a pure interlinear (word for word correspondence and not a reverse interlinear), but it also complements the pure interlinear with a slightly different font which adds phrases in a more readable English word order. The result is that the interlinear can be read either in a strict Greek to English word for word correspondence or as fluid English phrases. Under each Greek word is a grammatical key as well as a number that corresponds to the Greek dictionary in the back of the volume. Mounce uses numbers that are different than the traditional Strong's numbers, but the Strong's number is given in the definition for those who might use other tools that are indexed to Strong. One of the most helpful features is a listing in the dictionary of a small number of other references in which the Greek word is used. While not exhaustive, I found this to be a useful short list which offers the opportunity get a quick snapshot of how the word is used in other passages. The only downside is size - while not much larger than a large bible, it is bulkier than a simple Greek text or compact interlinear (great size for the bookshelf or study, but a little large if you are in the habit of carrying both a full size bible and an interlinear). In summary, if I wanted to study the New Testament and could only have one book, I would choose this one. FYI - a little background on me to put this review in perspective. I took Greek in seminary several years ago. I remember key concepts, but am not able to read the pure Greek text without assistance. This book is perfect for those with a Greek level similar to mine. I would think it would be helpful to a purist as well, though some may find it a bit cluttered with superfluous information.

This book serves its purpose for me as a tool for studying Biblical Greek, the interlinear Greek and English text is very helpful for identifying forms, with individual translation under each Greek word, and even more useful, parsing each word's part of speech and exact form. However the quality of the book itself is pretty poor. The covers and binding are made of cheap paper-ish cardboard, and the item arrived with tears in the top of the outer cardboard spine that extends above the inner paper binding and dents in the top and bottom of the cover. The print quality is clear enough, but small and also rather light & faded, not dark and crisp. Along with the cheap-looking design of the cover, overall the look and feel of the book is not befitting a holy book, so I think of it as just a cheap textbook to use for studying Greek rather than as a Bible and otherwise keep it out of sight.It was quite a contrast to theÃ Â Hebrew-English Interlinear ESV Old Testament: Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS) and English Standard Version (ESV)Ã Â I received in the same order which is formed of solid shiny cover/binding and beautiful presentation outside with clear bold print inside, which I would happily display on my bookshelf. I went with the Zondervan because I also have Mounce's books on Biblical Greek, but I partially regret now not going instead with theÃ Â The English-Greek Reverse Interlinear New Testament: English Standard VersionÃ Â by the same publisher (Crossway) as the Hebrew-ESV interlinear.

I just finished taking a summer course in biblical Greek, and this interlinear has been a great way for me to reinforce and expand my learning, without becoming discouraged.In terms of layout: The book has three columns. The outer columns have the NIV and NASB, which are useful for comparison. The largest, central column has the Greek text (with occasional, very brief footnotes about differences in how modern editions of the Greek handle particular textual issues). Each word is parsed, which is very helpful for the beginning (or rusty) Greek student. The central column also includes an English translation. This uses italics and other marking devices to indicate the meaning of each Greek word while also offering a smooth English translation of the sentence. Each word is numbered with numbers that correspond to a lexicon at the back of the book, making it easy to look up words whose lexical form may be unfamiliar. Since the translation of a word in a given verse is sometimes fairly context-specific, it's often worth the trouble of looking a new word up in this lexicon (and other, more standard lexicons--if you have time and access to them). Consulting the NIV's and NASB's treatment of the word can be helpful for this purpose as well, which is another reason why it's great to have those outside columns included.Advice for use: It would be easy to use this book as a crutch, never actually learning Greek vocab and parsing. To resist that temptation, I've found it

very helpful to read with an index card, covering up the translation and parsing lines of the text while I work through the Greek. That way, I test my knowledge of vocab and grammar,and whenever I feel like I've struggled with it enough, I uncover the other lines to check myself and fill in gaps in my knowledge.Of course, when I'm reading for a class, I'll use the NA-27 and consult grammars and lexicons like I'm supposed to do. And eventually I'll probably buy Bibleworks, which has many additional, helpful features. But for extra practice on my own, reading this interlinear with an index card has been very useful, enabling me to practice Greek without feeling overwhelmed (or spending several hundred dollars on Bibleworks).

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