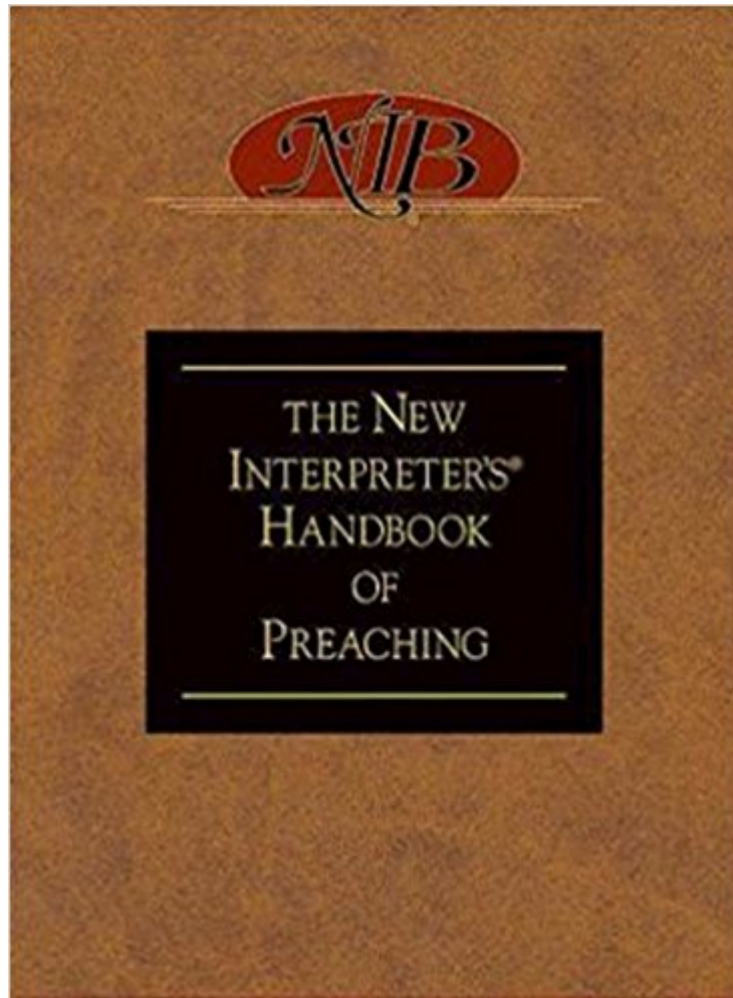




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# The New Interpreter's<sup>®</sup> Handbook Of Preaching



## Synopsis

The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching is a major reference tool for preaching, with articles on every facet of Christian sermon preparation and delivery. This resource is both scholarly and practical. It focuses on the most distinctive feature and greatest strength of homiletics as a discipline: It is rooted in interdisciplinary scholarship and it develops theory geared to practice. Its theory arises out of the study of both excellent preaching past and present and actual sermon preparation and composition. When theory and practice critique each other, it is possible to produce guidelines that assist greater excellence and economy in preaching the gospel. Excellence in standards is an area in which homiletics needs to grow, and this project will be both a means to encourage and develop it. A guiding question throughout will be, Will it preach? The answers will be offered in the sense that "here is something that works well," rather than "here is something to try." Preachers will turn to this resource with the expectation that they will find scholarly treatment of topics, brief bibliographies of relevant key books and articles, along with practical methodological suggestions for preachers to employ. The contributors are homileticians, preachers, and writers in various disciplines who are committed to the pulpit through practice.

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Good for scriptural insights.

Great Resource for both new and experienced preachers.

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this encyclopedia is excellent. I am working my way through it and finding it to be very helpful and insightful. I recommend it.

There has been a revival related to preaching and homiletics in general. As seminaries have increased the offer in theological and pastoral studies, the need of more books on preaching has also increased. Most of these books are focused on how to prepare a sermon, providing the mechanical process of the preparation of a sermon. However, there is a need for more than that. The book *The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 2008) is a very thorough resource that covers every single aspect and theme concerning preaching. The general editors are Paul Scott Wilson, Jana Childers, Cleophus J. LaRue, and John M. Rottman. The list of contributors is so extensive and all of them are very reputable scholars from different denominational backgrounds. Articles are abundant and informative. Some themes presented in this book are "Illustration and Stories", "Narrative Preaching", "Preaching to Children", "Preacher's Creative Process", and many more. The articles are divided and arranged into eleven major themes: I. The Bible II. Bible Genres III. Ethics IV. Literary Criticism V. Poetics VI. Preacher VII. Social Location VIII. Experience IX. Rhetoric X. Sermon XI. Theology This book includes alphabetical list of articles that makes it easier for readers to find a given topic. Long articles include and outline containing the points developed in the article. Every article includes a bibliography at the end of it,

which is always helpful for further reading or investigation. Readers must be aware this is not a book that focuses on the preparation of a sermon, though that theme is included and well discussed. This book goes beyond that as topics like dressing and the preacher's personal aspects are also included. Readers will find this book discuss anything you can think of preaching. This book can help readers to understand that preaching is more than the sermon and its preparation. Pastors, preachers, and anyone in the pulpit should have this highly recommendable book. I fall short if I say that I recommend this book.

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