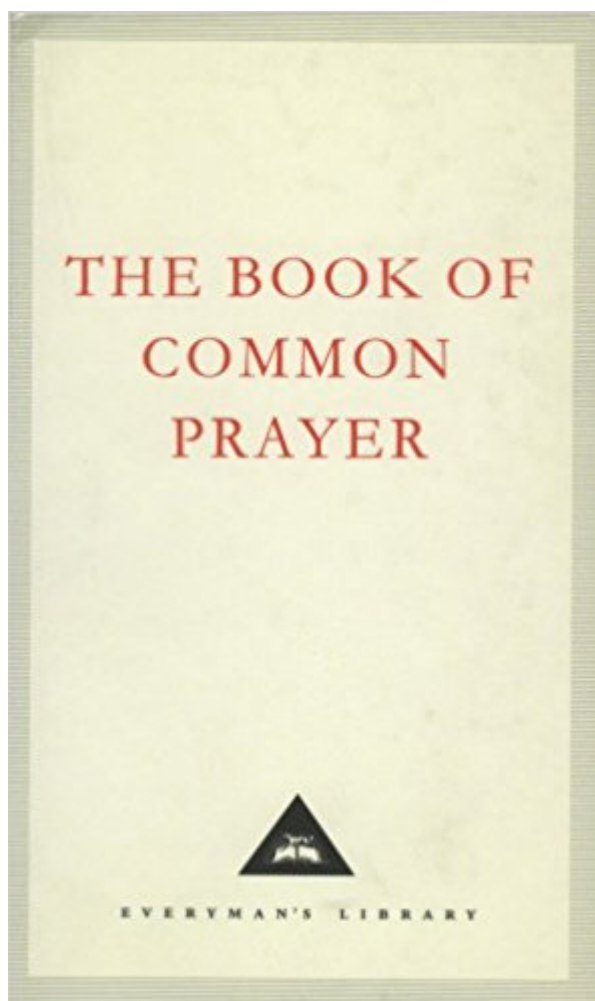


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I really enjoy this copy of the 1662. The hardbound in this size is very nice to read and to hold in the hand.

The book is great!

Excellent print and extended content

The print is entirely too small, and the book needs to be seriously abridged for people like me who aren't particularly interested in every small event. Thomas Cranmer was an Anglican bishop, and he greatly influenced many religions with his written services and prayers. But I wasn't in to trying to squint my eyes through the book, so it sits here ready to give to someone who will.

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