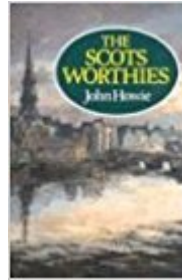




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I would give it ten stars but that wasn't an option. This book is a treasure and would be such a blessing to the reader. This book offers mini biographies of the Scottish covenanters as they walked by faith with their eyes on our Savior. This has been such an encouragement to me and I heartily recommend it.

This is a facsimile edition, but a particularly clear one. There are occasional page blemishes, but no missing pages, distorted pages, or annoying archaic letters (such as s that looks like an f). There is some difficulty from historical or geographic references, as well as odd words, that have no meaning to us today, so there are incidentals that are hard to follow, but the stories as a whole are quite readable. In a way, that is what makes this book hard to read. Not in the physical sense of seeing, but rather in the mental sense of accepting what is read. These were men who suffered, were banished, or even executed in particularly gruesome ways because of their bold preaching. It is a sharp condemnation of our spiritual impotence and latitudinarianism in today's church, even the Reformed church. What king or pope would shiver at the name of any preacher today? Yet, there was a time when the Stuart kings feared for their thrones at the mention of the Covenanters, and they defended their power like vultures struggling over a scrap of carrion.

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