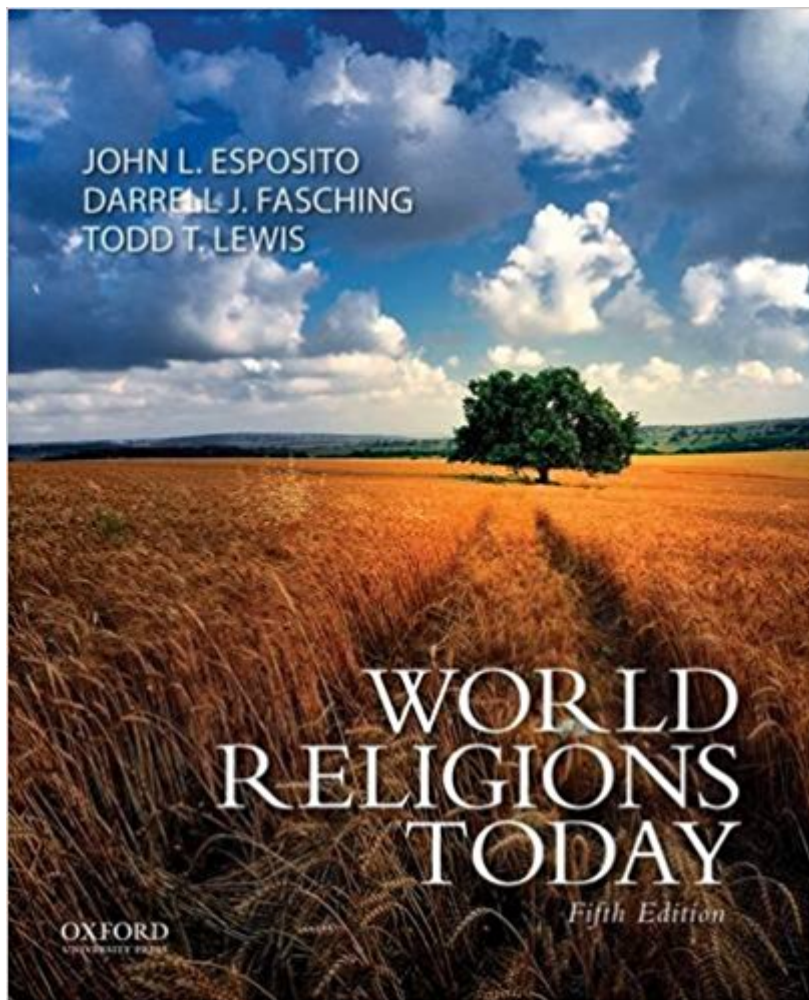


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I used this for an Eastern Religions course and it had nice explanations of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Confucianism. For Taoism and Shinto I had to search a lot of outside resources. Written clearly but it talks more about the geographical and historical aspects of religion rather than the spirituality/mysticism.

Very informative book. I expected this to be slightly boring considering I bought it for a college class but it holds my attention with all the interesting beliefs from around the world. Also gives you a great objective and subjective views of current religions around the world.

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This is an amazing book for those who want to understand the three major world religions as compared to other religions that are not widely understood and discussed in detail. This book is a gem for the religious studies student.

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Its a book. Has its pages. Not written on. A bit used. Its a book.

I bought this book for my college religions class. It was very interesting and informative. I feel like I really learned something and gained perspective. It covered in detail many different aspects of each religion. The only complaint I have is the layout was a bit confusing.

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