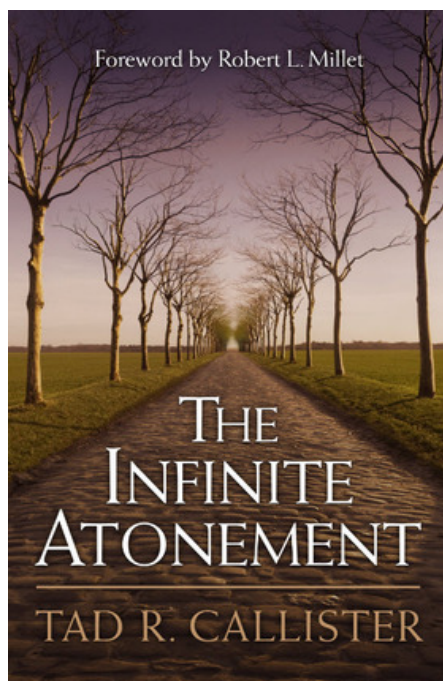




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"Some things simply matter more than others," writes Robert L. Millet in his foreword to this landmark book. "Even some doctrines, though interesting and fun to discuss, must take a backseat to more fundamental and foundational doctrines. It is just so with the Atonement of Jesus Christ. The Atonement is the central act of human history, the pivotal point in all time, the doctrine of doctrines."

With *The Infinite Atonement*, Brother Tad R. Callister offers us what may be the most comprehensive, yet understandable, treatment of the Atonement in our day. He thoughtfully probes the infinite scope of this "great and last sacrifice," describing its power and breadth and explaining how it redeems us all.

Using the scriptures and the words of the prophets, Brother Callister explores the Savior's divinity and the depth of his love for mankind. He explains the blessings that flow from the Atonement, providing insight into the resurrection, repentance, and the gifts of peace, motivation, freedom, grace, and exaltation. He explains the relationship of justice and mercy and the importance of ordinances. Through discussing the effects of the fall of Adam and our individual sins, he reminds us in a powerful way of the incalculable debt of gratitude we owe Christ for his unparalleled offering.

"An attempt to master this doctrine requires an immersion of all our senses, all our feelings, and all our intellect," Brother Callister writes. "Given the opportunity, the Atonement will invade each of the human passions and faculties.... The Atonement is not a doctrine that lends itself to some singular approach, like a universal formula. It must be felt, not just 'figured'; internalized, not just analyzed.... The Atonement of Jesus Christ is the most supernal, mind-expanding, passionate doctrine this world or universe will ever know."

With clarity, testimony, and understanding, *The Infinite Atonement* teaches us rich and wonderful truths about this "doctrine of doctrines," and elevates our spirits as we contemplate the perfect love of Him who gave all that we might receive all.

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Rob says

This book provided an excellent review of the atonement and it was very comprehensive in the sense that it related the atonement to quite a variety of other gospel principles. There is definitely a niche for this book, as I don't know of many other books that focus solely on the subject of Christ's suffering in Gethsemane and Golgotha. The book is full of great quotes and scriptural references. However, I did not have the same enthusiasm for this book while I was reading it as others who recommended it did. I think this may have been because the rhetoric in some parts seemed a bit repetitive or drawn out with too many adjectives (not that there are enough to describe the atonement). But this is definitely a book that needed to be written and is worth reading.

Annette says

This book by LDS author Tad R. Callister has touched my soul deeply. The author's understanding of the Atonement of Jesus Christ encourages the reader to study, ponder, and pray to come to realize more deeply why Christ needed to accomplish an Infinite Atonement in order for all of Heavenly Father's children to be able to return home to him. The doctrine of the Atonement is the central message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Tad R. Callister guides the reader through the many aspects of the Atonement by using scriptural references from the Old and New Testaments, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price and especially the Book of Mormon. Modern day prophets and apostles messages on Christ's Atonement are also part of this marvelous book.

This marvelous book will be reread and re-listened to in my future as a continual reference to Jesus Christ's Infinite Atonement on my behalf and for all mankind.

Bskidmore says

I won't even pretend to be able to adequately express my feelings about this book. It's definitely one I'll be reading over and over, as it really helped to explain one of the most fundamental truths and acts ever completed in history, in a way that was much easier to follow and apply than other things I've read about the Atonement..... And there were still plenty of things over my head!

Garrett Burnett says

I wondered how Callister could fill an entire book on such a narrow subject. I assumed he would provide a description of the atonement of Jesus Christ with scriptural backing. There aren't really that many scriptures about the event—certainly not an entire book's worth. Callister, however, took a broader view. He described the importance of the atonement as it spanned and affected all facets of religion, spirituality, and life. It turns out, it's a pretty broad topic after all.

Callister tries to write eloquently and as ornately as possible. I expect this is to show proper respect to the topic and to give his words an air of gravity. I had to get used to it. When I did, I appreciated Callister's insight.

Connor Boyack says

This book took me a while to get through, mainly because it would take me a while to digest each section I read. It's rich and thorough in its presentation of scripture to affirm each assertion, which makes for slower reading. But I know of no other work which so clearly sets forth the case for the Atonement and explains each facet of it. This is a must read for every child of God.

Christopher Black says

This book is scripture. The atonement is infinite in depth, scope, time, place, love and infinite other ways. I felt this book was complete but when I thought about it, an infinite subject cannot be contained to a finite book. In that case, this book is a perfect summary.

Jill says

This book taught me more about the doctrine of the Atonement than I've ever learned in my entire life. It is heavy reading that required me time to ponder and internalize it. I feel like what I really understand about the Atonement could fit in a thimble, or maybe a dropper. This has enlarged my understanding, deepened my appreciation, left me humbled and eternally grateful to my beloved Savior for his infinite love, compassion and supreme sacrifice. It is a book I will continue to read over and over again because there is so very much to learn and understand. Anyone that wants to draw near to the Savior should read this book. You will never be the same after you finish it.

November, 2016: Just finished my second read-through of this profound, wonderful book. Again, so many eternal lessons that will stay with me. It has given me further personal meaning for reflection during my sacred time each Sunday when I partake of the emblems of my Savior's Atonement.

Paul Callister says

Ok, so my uncle wrote it (and I watched him write it over 17 years)and I'm impartial, but the book is an excellent account of why we need Christ's atonement and how it relates to other religious concepts like Adam's fall, law, and sin.

Bonnie Blackburn says

Is it allowed for a devout mormon to give a mormon book a low score? My bihsop recommended that I read this, and if it hadn't been for his recommendation, I wouldn't have been able to finish it. Callister uses SO

MANY adjectives it is ridiculously distracting to the point where you can't even focus on what he is saying. Example: "It was a sacrifice that was so grand, so glorious, so grandiose, so big, so important and so vital to us." Wow. Really? You had to use ALL those adjectives to describe it? "He did it out of his unconditional, endless, immutable, unchangeable, irreversible love for us." And so on and so on. It got so old so quick. Also, the other thing is that he writes 200+ pages on the atonement, when he could have got the point across in 80 pages. He repeats himself in various chapters, the organization is awful, and the book is constantly losing focus. It is an organizational nightmare. Callister does, however, know a lot about the atonement and there are some very insightful parts if you can dig through to get to them. I blame the editor, really.

Lauren Wilde says

(can I just say I'm loving the plus audiobook feature on the Deseret Book app!)

While no book or books on the atonement could be comprehensive (because, ultimately, it's not possible for mortals to comprehend the atonement fully), this book sure felt like it.

I loved the structure of the book and how it approached the atonement. The first third explained the need of the atonement---which is only fully explained by a correct understanding of the fall of Adam and Eve.

The second third was my favorite, where each chapter described a facet of the atonement's infinite-ness: Infinite in Power, Infinite in Time, Infinite in Coverage, Infinite in Depth, Infinite in Suffering, and Infinite in Love.

The last third described the blessings of the atonement, or that come from it (resurrection, repentance, peace of mind, succor, motivation, exaltation, freedom and grace) and ends with discussing how ordinances, justice, and mercy relate to the atonement.

Big topics! and a life-time of study! but this is a great aid.

Tanya W says

I can't say enough good about this book... it's a spiritual feast. I will re-read this book many times.

If you love Jesus and want to learn more about the most important event in all time, the Atonement, then read this book. This is a must read for any Christian, and even though it may be tailored to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, it would bless anyone who wants to know and love Jesus better. There is no way we can fully comprehend the Atonement with the limits of mortal understanding, but this book can definitely broaden and deepen our understanding of the Atonement. I am very thankful for my bishop's recommendation to read this book and wish everyone could read it... read it! Own it!

I recommend reading this book when you have time to savor it and contemplate it... in a quiet place... maybe just a few pages at a time. Reviewer Jill says exactly how I feel:

"This has enlarged my understanding, deepened my appreciation, left me humbled and eternally grateful to my beloved Savior for his infinite love, compassion and supreme sacrifice. It is a book I will continue to read over and over again because there is so very much to learn and understand. Anyone that wants to draw near to the Savior should read this book. You will never be the same after you finish it. "

And last of all what reviewer Emily says:

"This is the first time I have finished a book and wanted to immediately start it again."

Thanks Tad Callister!

Melanie says

This has been my Sunday book over the past eight months or so. It's a deep dive into doctrine related to Christ's mission, life, death, atonement. This is a book to come back and read over and over, since the subject of the Atonement is both easy to grasp but also very complex.

Emily says

This is the BEST gospel book I have ever read. It provides so much insight, clarity, and logic concerning the atonement and related topics. I could only read a little at a time because there is so much to take in and ponder. It is thoroughly researched, well organized, and beautifully written. I don't think anyone can read this book without growing intellectually and spiritually. This book changed me. This is the first time I have finished a book and wanted to immediately start it again. Unfortunately, my husband has already taken it to read a third time. Yes, it's that good.

Natalie says

I think I need an "Atonement for Dummies" book rather than a book like this. I think the book itself was well-researched for sure and there were a lot of quotes - scriptural and otherwise - but I just have a hard time reading "textbooks" and do better with stories. There were a few stories throughout that made concepts relate-able and those were times when I was engaged and got something out of the book.

The first few chapters held my interest and were thought-provoking, but it took me so long to get through the rest of the book. I was so unmotivated to read it because I zoned out a lot. Maybe it's my current spirituality level and if I read it in the future I'll absorb and appreciate it more, but for today, it's just "okay" for me.

Trudy says

This book deserves 10 stars! Now that I've finished reading and marking it, I feel that I should start all over again. It's truly amazing! Here is one of the author's closing paragraphs:

"One does not speak lightly of the Atonement or casually express his appreciation. It is the most sacred and sublime event in eternity. It deserves our most intense thought, our most profound feelings, and our noblest deeds. One speaks of it in reverential tones; one contemplates it in awe; one learns of it in solemnity. This event stands alone, now and throughout eternity."
