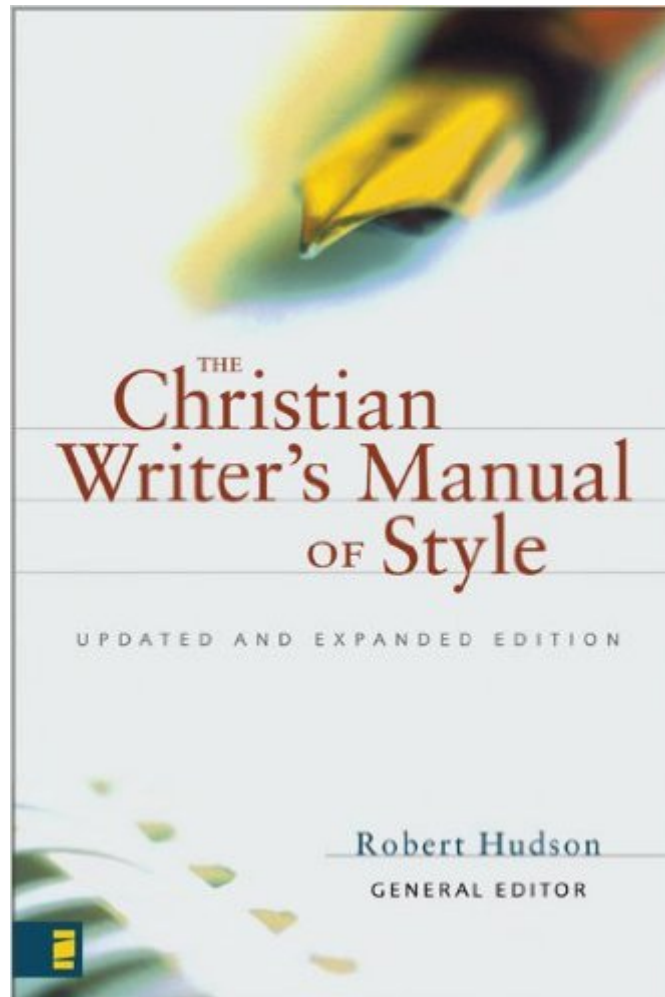# The Christian Writer's Manual Of Style: Updated And Expanded Edition

Synopsis

An essential tool for writers, editors, proofreaders, designers, copywriters, production managers, and marketers too. The Christian Writerâ ™s Manual of Style is an essential tool not only for writers of religious materials, but for their editors, proofreaders, designers, copywriters, production managers, and even marketers. Rather than simply repeating style information commonly available in standard references, this newly updated and expanded edition includes points of grammar, punctuation, usage, book production and design, and written style that are often overlooked in other manuals. It focuses on information relating to the unique needs and demands of religious publications, such as discussions on how to correctly quote the Bible, how to capitalize and use common religious terms, and how to abbreviate the books of the Bible and other religious words. Also included are rarely found items such as: â ¢ an authorâ ™s guide to obtaining permissions â ¢ guidelines for using American, British, and Mid-Atlantic styles â ¢ discussions of inclusive language, profanity, and ethnic sensitivities â ¢ discussions of Internet and computer-related language style â ¢ a list of problem words â ¢ style issues regarding words from major world religions â ¢ a discussion of handling brand names in text â ¢ a list of common interjections â ¢ issues of type design, paper, copy-fit This edition has been completely updated since the 1988 edition and contains more than twice as much information as the previous edition. This is the most detailed and comprehensive guide of its kind.

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If you're even reading this, you probably felt the need for a Christian style guide. If that describes you, save your time, ignore the rest of my review, and click the "Buy Now" button :)But if you're still unconvinced...This style manual covers every imaginable style-related issue, particularly for religious writing; basically just about style-related issue you'll encounter as a Christian writer, whether you're writing about Internet technology and how it relates to eschatology, or a critique of Islam from a Christian perspective.And it doesn't just cover the religious issues; the standard style issues like punctuation, capitalization, acronyms, etc. are covered in good detail. It even has a section on British English.This is probably the most current and exhaustive style manual for Christian writers around, and every serious Christian writer concerned about style and consistency should get one.I seldom give 5 stars, but this one deserves it.

"The Christian Writer's Manual of Style" provides the most exhaustive coverage of the special writing problems in the area of Christian publications that I have ever seen. This is easily the best book available on the subject of Christian writing style. Examples of the items covered here that are unlikely to be covered anywhere else include abbreviations for Bible books including apocryphal writings, the difference between sacred writings and the bible, should the use of the word "biblical" be capitalized or not, the difference between the Anglican Church and the Church of England, Bible permissions for quoting different versions and where to write for permissions, biblical and religious terms, clerical titles, forms of Christian books, Islamic terminology, Jewish terminology, and religious jargon.In addition to this specialized information it also includes the stuff you would expect in any manual of style including commonly misspelled words, syntax rules, punctuation, proofreading, etc. Of course in any book of this depth some items are bound to become outdated quickly. For example, there are a couple of references to Word Publishing as a division of Thomas Nelson Publishing. Word Publishing no longer exists. Still this is the only outdated information I found in the entire book, which is pretty amazing. "The Christian Writer's Manual of Style" is a highly recommended read for anyone writing for the Christian market, and especially if you are writing non-fiction.

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I was really expecting something that was much better quality. I don't think that it was the editing that was off, but more the printing that was bad. Some of the words overlap and run together. If you can get past the poor printing, this is a really helpful resource. I found the answers that I was looking for and so much more. I would highly recommend it to Christian writers and editors alike, I just can't give it 5 stars because of the overlapping letters.

This is a "must have" book for all Christian writers. While no writer, Christian or otherwise, should be without the AP Stylebook or the Chicago Manual of Style, this book edited by Robert Hudson answers questions unique to Christian journalism such as: Do you capitalize pronouns of deity? Do you capitalize "gospel"? Do you abbreviate or spell out names of books of the Bible? As editor of a Christian mission magazine, I refer to it repeatedly. You will, too.

This book was one of the key text in completing my first writing project. It gave clear practical directions regarding standardizing words, phrases, etc. uniformally throughout the manuscript.I highly recommend this book if you are planning on self-publishing a Christian book with a professional appearance.B. PetersAuthor of Adulterous Heart

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