



*October Book Review*

Martin Luther:

# REFORMATION FIRE

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## A Brief Synopsis

- This book is a biography taking us back into the history of the Church, to the life and times of Martin Luther (1483 to 1546).
- As a child, Martin Luther was talented and bright beyond his years. He did very well academically and went on to study at Germany's University of Erfurt to be a lawyer. One day, however, a thunderstorm that he was caught in changed his whole thinking and he went into monastery to become a monk instead...



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- As a monk however, Luther had firsthand experience of how people were being led astray and exploited by false teachings in the church at that time and was very much saddened by it.
- His passionate desire to set the Church on the right course again led him to write the famous 95 theses, in which he presented written arguments to show what was wrong with buying indulgences. These he nailed them on the door of castle church in Wittenberg.
- The rest of the book reveals how Luther's ideas propagated with the help of the newly invented printing press.



## What I liked about this book...

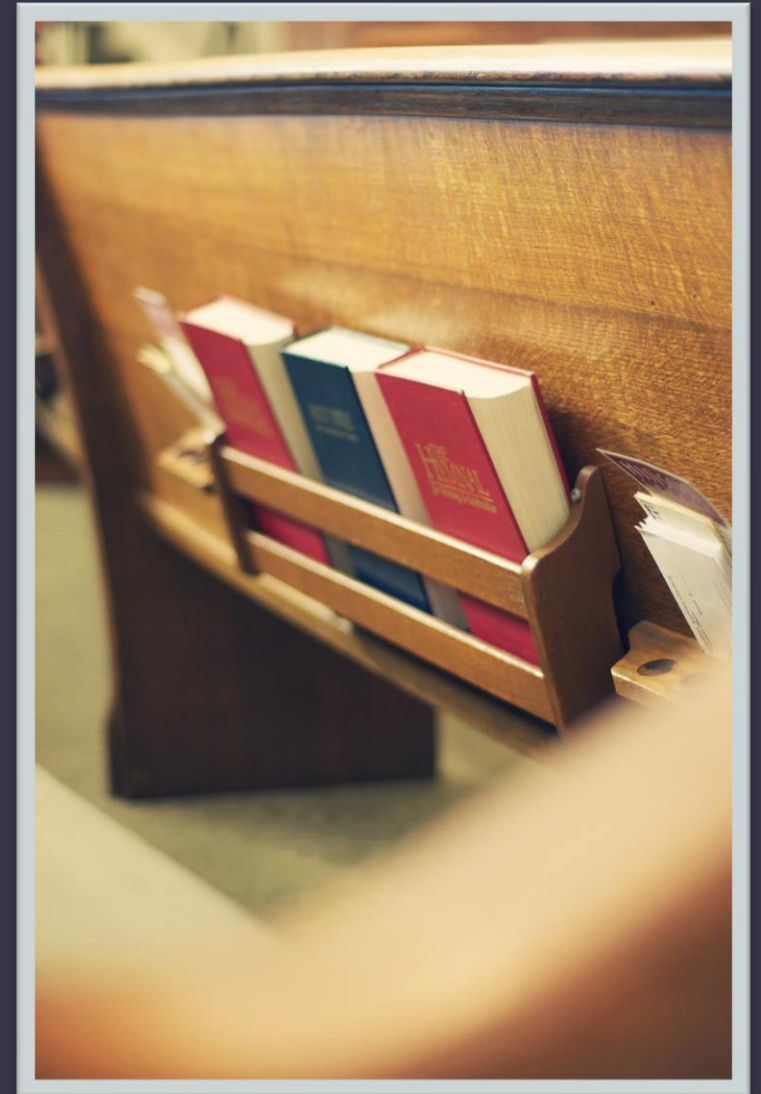
- Luther was very well brought up by his God-fearing parents! He was taught the 10 commandments at a very young age. I believed these help to shape the values that he had when he entered adult life and that eventually brought on the Reformation.
- I admire his bravery in voicing out the injustice and the false teachings led by the church at that time. All these he did at the cost of being ex-communicated by the church of the day and even the risk of losing his life.





## Some interesting details...

- He was also a very talented musician and wrote many hymns. One of the hymns we've sung in our church – A Mighty Fortress is our God – was written by him.
- Also, Martin Luther eventually got married. Together, both he and his wife, Katharina Von Bora made many contributions to the Reformation project.



## Who I would recommend this book to...

...everyone in the Lutheran Family as we celebrate Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Where can I find the book if I wish to read it?

This beautifully written story can be purchased in both hard copy and as a Kindle e-book from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

