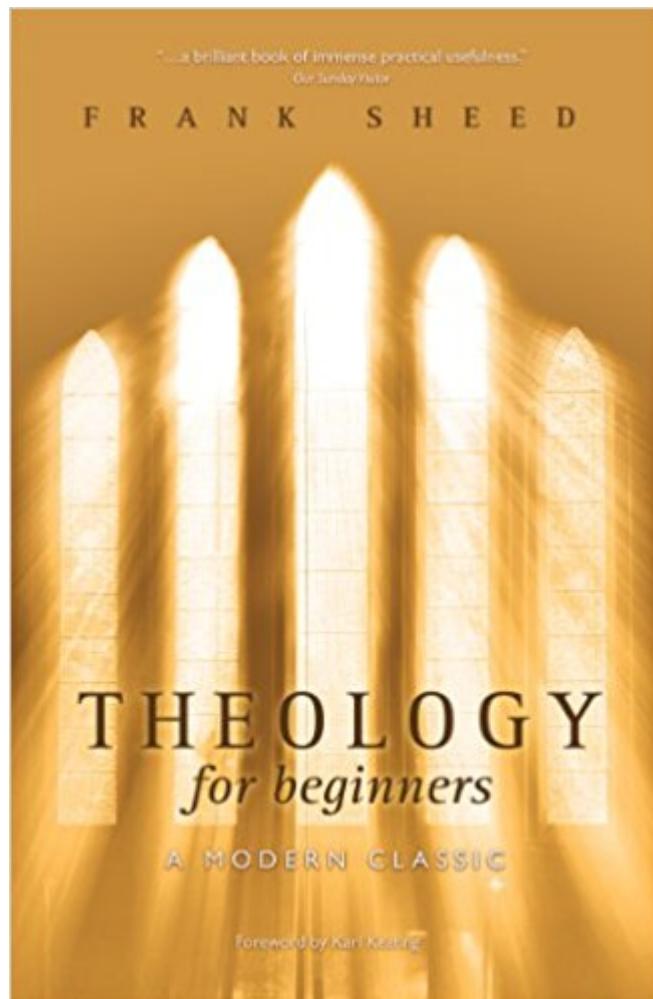


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such prominent authors as Dorothy Day, Jacques Maritain, Francois Mauriac and G.K. Chesterton. His many books include *A Map of Life*, *Theology and Sanity*, *To Know Christ Jesus* and *The Holy Spirit in Action*.

I am new to the Church (less than 12 months) and English is my second language (I am really new to the Theology and I hope my below comments make sense). This is really a well written book to cover the very difficult topics without using metaphysical terms and definitions such as matter/ form, substance/ accident, essence/ existence, etc... For example, the explanation of "person" (soul and body) or the transubstantiation are nicely explained without using such technical terms. It covers a lot of important topics, and the chapters are logically arranged so that the earlier chapters will support later chapters. Each chapter topics can be further studied by reading more specific books. This book helped me better understand the same topics covered by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It's about 240 pages long, and I was able to read the whole thing during my 5-day travel to Mexico (and I am a very slow reader!). I know I will have to re-read many chapters again to better understand the contents not because of how it is written but because of many topics are covered in this book.

Francis Joseph Sheed was a favorite lay theologian of mine and his book I read in the 1950's and so please that it ha been re-issued in this paperback - renewing my friendship with Mr. Sheed and loving every minute of it.

This is the place to be after we have gone through catechism and have moved on to being adults in the church. A wonderfully easy way to help us understand our obligations to the church.

This is an excellent book for those just starting to study and learn Catholic theology. F.J. Sneed wrote this in a clear a concise manner with the flow of topics moving almost seamlessly from one subject to the next. I used this book as my first review on Catholic theology, which I will continue through this year. This will enable me to be up to speed as I begin my studies of the Summa Theological beginning the first of next year. I would recommend this book as a good starting point for beginners and as a good review for those who are about to undertake more advanced studies.

Just as the title says it truly is theology for beginners. It is very thought provoking and a good place to start.

I've been hearing/reading about Frank Sheed for years, but never read anything that he wrote. I ordered this little gem so that I could (or could not) recommend it to others just beginning to read Catholic theology. The book is a genuine treat for the soul. Sheed writes concisely, with great economy, yet with a fulness that should be appreciated by any 'beginner'. I highly, highly recommend the book to all who are looking for the theological answers of what it means to be a Christian. Now I'm off to read "Theology & Sanity," also by Sheed!

This book helped me understand so many more things better than I ever. It has the best explanation of the Trinity I have heard/read. The book helps to lay out very complex things in a straightforward way. I will definitely be reading it again because there is so much to gain.

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