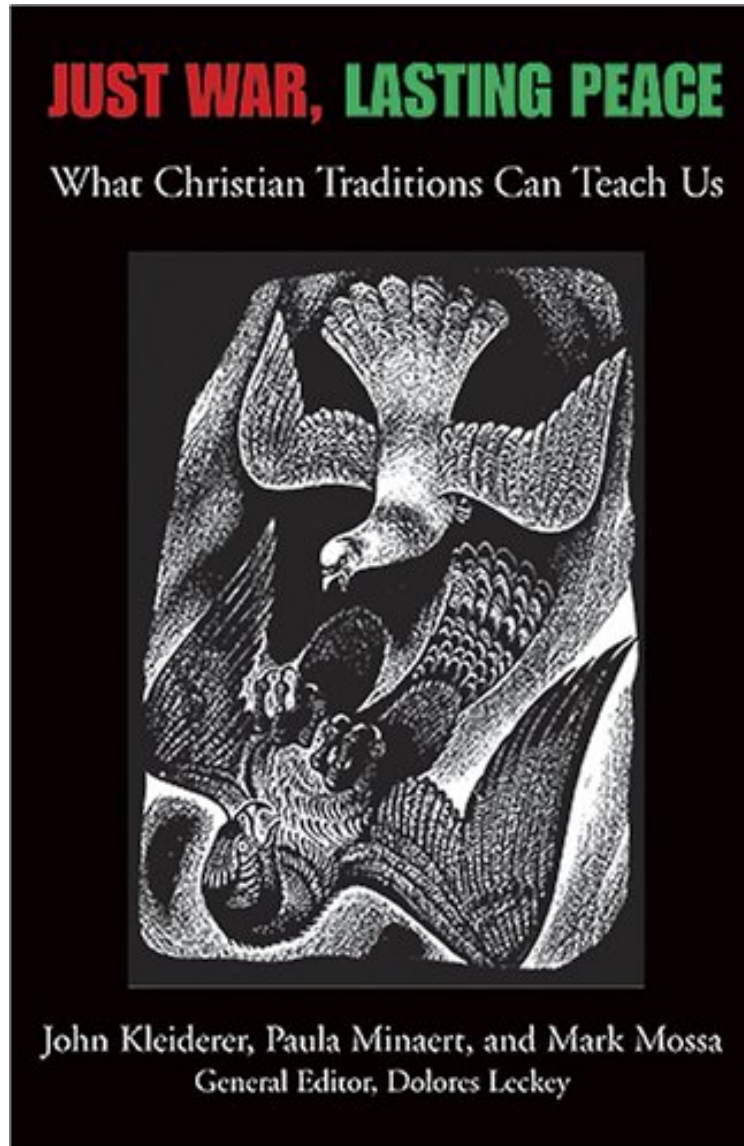


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Introduction By Will Jerom This is a good book. I especially can recommend it for those seeking a textbook on the issue of Just War and Christian Ethics, as that is the intent of its creation. It would also serve as a good introduction for those not well acquainted with Christianity and the

Just War tradition, and are looking for a starting place. There are also the voices of some pacifists and "Just Peace" included. The writing is lucid and direct, so it is a very readable book. There is good detail and focus on how the Just War tradition emerged, as well as some Jewish and Muslim perspectives about war. While it focuses on the Catholic tradition mainly, it does have some supplements on Protestant dispositions towards war and violence (omitted were Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King Jr., unfortunately). The book has some discussion also of terrorism and the Iraq war as well. There are numerous films and books recommended as case studies and for further reading at the end. The only weakness of the book is perhaps that it is too short. Another fifty pages (it peters out after 130) at least would have given it more impressive dimension, but for a short book it wastes no words and covers a good deal of introductory material in a responsible and thorough manner. Though not perfect, I do highly recommend it.

More than 50 theologians, peace activists, military experts, public policy analysts, and media commentators gathered together to discuss what a just war really is and how the theory applies to the war in Iraq. The participants include Jim Wallis, Joan Chittister, Drew Christiansen, Peter and Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, Michael Baxter, and many others.

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