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### *“Example 2: The New Interpreter’s Bible”*

Greetings!

In this issue, we’ll pretend that you’re still working on Galatians, writing a paper on the “second proof” of Paul’s argument (Gal 3:6–14).

This time you are looking for help in the *New Interpreter’s Bible*, a respected “commentary in twelve volumes.”

## “Example 2: The *New Interpreter’s Bible*”

The *New Interpreter’s Bible* (NIB) is a multi-volume (12 in total), edited work, with multiple, individual, signed contributions in each volume.

This makes it, in some ways, like the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*.

*But*, the volumes *do* have individual names (unlike the *ABD*). So we need to decide what to do with them.

Because these volume names are sometimes VERY LONG, in the end we may decide to ignore them!

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We learn from the spine of vol. XI that it contains the commentary on Galatians...

## “Example 2: The New Interpreter’s Bible”

### THE NEW INTERPRETER’S BIBLE IN TWELVE VOLUMES

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VOLUME VIII	General Articles on the New Testament; Matthew; Mark
VOLUME IX	Luke; John
VOLUME X	Acts; Introduction to Epistolary Literature; Romans; 1 Corinthians
VOLUME XI	2 Corinthians; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; 1 & 2 Thessalonians; 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus; Philemon
VOLUME XII	Hebrews; James; 1 & 2 Peter; 1, 2, & 3 John; Jude; Revelation

The first page of the front matter lists the contents of all twelve volumes (in case you picked out the wrong one).

There’s volume XI again...

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### VOLUME ELEVEN

THE SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS
THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS
THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS
THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS
THE LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS
THE FIRST AND SECOND LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS
THE FIRST AND SECOND LETTERS TO TIMOTHY AND THE LETTER TO TITUS
THE LETTER TO PHILEMON

The second page lists the contents of volume XI in brief.

This is actually the volume “title page.” As you can see, the full title of the volume is too long to cite in a bibliography.

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The third page lists the editorial board for all 12 volumes. There are a lot of editors! The most important one is listed first: Leander E. Keck

Keck’s name will appear in our bibliography as *editor* (not author) for this entry. We will follow his name by the Latin abbreviation *et al.* (“and others”) to indicate the rest.

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It also includes the publication information (Nashville: Abingdon Press).

We need this information for our bibliography.

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Here is where you can look up the religious affiliation and academic credentials of particular authors.

This is VERY useful info for when we talk about the interpretations of particular scholars in our papers.

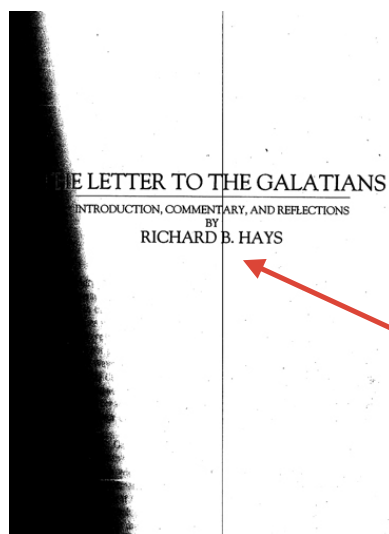
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Finally! We get to the table of contents. Here is where we find out the name of our *author* and where, in the volume, the commentary can be found.

We find that one Richard B. Hays is the author of the commentary on Galatians. The page range, we see, is 181–348. The title of the commentary is “The Letter to the Galatians.”

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When we turn to page 181, we find the title page for Hays’ commentary on Galatians. There we learn the *full* title of what he has contributed.

The full title is: “The Letter to the Galatians: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections.”

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We now have enough information for our bibliographic notes, which we will jot down before we begin to study and take notes on Hays’ commentary:

Author: Richard B. Hays

Title: “The Letter to the Galatians: Introduction,  
Commentary, and Reflections”

Source: *New Interpreter’s Bible*

Volume: XI

Volumes: XII

Page range: 181-348

Editor: Leander E. Keck

City: Nashville

Publisher: Abingdon Press

Date: 2000

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Back working on the paper again, we come to a point where we want to talk about Hays’ commentary. We write the following:

Richard B. Hays divides the epistle to the Ephesians differently than does Betz. All of Gal 3:6–9 he discusses under the rubric of “The Promise to Abraham,” and he comments separately on Gal 3:6–9 (“the blessing of Abraham included the Gentiles”) and on Gal 3:10–14 (“Christ’s death liberates Israel from the law’s curse.”).<sup>5</sup>

Now, our next footnote comes into play. We will also need to cite the correct range of pages for the sections to which we referred above.

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Here’s the footnote style of citation for Hays:

5. Richard B. Hays, “The Letter to the Galatians: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections,” in *New Interpreter’s Bible* vol. XI (Leander E. Keck, *et al.*, eds.; Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2000) 181-348; citation to pages 254-262.

That’s not so bad. There’s a lot of information crammed in there. But our subsequent citations will be much easier.

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The next time we refer to Hays, we write this:

Like Betz, Hays recognizes that Paul begins a new argument at Gal 3:6.<sup>6</sup> But Hays also suggests that a shift takes place in 3:10; the verses found in Gal 3:10–14 he calls “one of the most difficult passages anywhere in [Paul’s] letters.”<sup>7</sup>

Even though both of these footnotes will refer to the same work, and I could have combined them, I will keep them separate for illustrative purposes.



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Here are the next two footnotes.

6. Hays, “Galatians,” 254.

7. Hays, “Galatians,” 257.

Much simpler than the first time we cited him!

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Finally, we need to make bibliographic entry for Hays.  
Here’s what it (might) look like.

Hays, Richard B. “The Letter to the Galatians: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections.” *The New Interpreter’s Bible*. Volume XI. 12 volumes. Edited by Leander E. Keck, *et al.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000. Pages 181-348.

Different scholars might include some of this information in a different order, or punctuate it slightly differently from one another. But it is important to include it all in some consistent fashion.

Consistency and accuracy are the most important things!