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# The Message Bible: Complete Bible



## Synopsis

An audio Bible that penetrates our hearts and minds, transforming us day by day into the person God desires us to be. Written in the same kind of language you use to talk with friends, write letters, and discuss politics, The Message preserves the authentic, earthy flavor and expressive character of the Bible. For more than 6 million readers, Eugene Peterson's unique style has opened up new understanding and insight into God's Word. Written in clear, direct language that brings the Bible to life; Covers all 66 books of the Bible; Introductions for every book of the Bible; A paraphrase from the original Hebrew and Greek languages

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Eugene H. Peterson is a writer, a poet, and a retired pastor. He has authored more than 34 books (not including The Message) and is a contributing editor for Leadership. He is Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. Eugene also founded Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland, where he ministered for 29 years. He lives with his wife, Jan, in Montana.

Love this version! Only 4 CD's and it has both OT and NT. Great narrator. I bought two more for my parents. Works great in my car. I also copied a back-up to my computer just in case they get

scratched and I love that every track is well marked so I can see it easily on my car CD player and also in iTunes. I love this version, and I also love the intros to each chapter and the intros to this version in the beginning. The intros have some music, but it's not a dramatic reading with different voices for different people or acted out like some version are, which I appreciate. It doesn't have annoying sound effects. The chapters are read by a man with a nice clear voice in a nice speed. Some of the intros are read by the author, although most chapter intros are read by a woman. It's a nice variety and allows you to tell quickly what is being read. Each track is a chapter, so they range from less than one minute (many of the Psalms) to about 15 minutes (for Psalm 119 for example.)

I knew this was an MP3 so I did not have issues about this that others did. The product has good features but they are difficult to find. There were 4 discs but no key or instructions to tell you what book was where, not on the disc itself, on the cover or separate instructions. You would expect the bible to be in order but in playing each disc that is also difficult to tell because there are introductions, in one disc all together then scattered throughout. Earlier, I did see where the books were in alphabetical order, but when I tried that strategy later, it did not work based on what I thought. The message bible is such a good version for understanding, but who has time trying to guess where a particular book is on four different discs. Maybe I will upgrade this review when I figure out how to find books, without having to put in 1-3 discs in as a guessing game.

I really liked the reader. But i realized its missing alot of the bible. Its like it was cut off. 1,2,3rd John and The entire book of revelation are missing. Along with the end of Samuel and a few other books. I was pretty disappointed.

The files do not transfer to an mp3 device in proper order. I have a SanDisk product and wasted way too much time. Oh, the files transfer, but are not in consecutive order - close, but that's not good enough. Customer service attempted to help, and I do appreciate their efforts. The CDs are fine for listening to in my vehicle, so I'm okay with the purchase, just disappointed that they don't meet the reason of the initial purchase.

Yes, it is an MP3, but it makes that clear in the packaging. So, I am not sure why there is a fuss here by some. The transition from CD to my iPod was seamless and easy. I love that the introductions to each book are included in this audio version because I love them in the print version. Bravo. The narrator's British voice cannot be beat. The narrator for the Scriptures reads with

such passion! I think he is my favorite Bible narrator of all time! The only thing that was weird is that the introductions and the actual Scripture went into two separate places on my iPod instead of being in one neat album. That may be a function of iTunes Library rather than the CD. I had to make a playlist in order to get everything chronologically. This is a very good translation, and I plan on listening to the whole Bible for my Bible reading plan next year!

My wife asked for this audio Bible for Christmas, so I indulged her even though I had some doubts about the format (I thought an audible version that would load more easily onto an MP3 player would be better). I was completely wrong. I love the format - each track is a different chapter, so it's easy to find your place. The mp3 CD format makes it easy for us to listen to it in the car through our CD player, and also easy to sync to our phones for a more mobile experience. The reader is fantastic, a perfect choice for this casual paraphrase version of the Bible. His speed of reading is spot on - allowing you to listen to a good portion of the Word on, say, an hour long commute to work in the morning, while still being understandable. He gives a good interpretation of the emotion of the text without being melodramatic. I much prefer this to some of the more 'high brow' readings I've heard in the past, or even the full cast versions that I enjoyed somewhat. I don't feel that it is necessary to spend a lot of time discussing the merits of this version, since that has been done at length in other places. Suffice it to say that I find this version highly enjoyable purely as a reading version of the Bible. When I'm doing serious study, I use other versions that are more literal in their translation. However, listening to this version has opened up a level of enjoyment in the pure story of the text that I haven't felt since I was a child. Precisely because the words are different than what I'm used to, I'm forced to listen more closely, and my interest is kept by the humor and tenderness that Peterson tried to convey from the original text. The only problem I had with this product at all is that the CDs are not divided into folders by book, which would make it even easier to find your place in the text. Also, the CD player in my car won't go past 128 tracks, but will read folders if they are present. I highly recommend this product to anyone who is looking for a fun and enjoyable way to rediscover the story of the Bible.

I use an mp3 player- (SanDisk). The files are strange and do not display properly. Some do not display at all. I think they made the files with more than one computer..... and so they should re-process them on just one computer.

My husband is a truck driver and he said a chunk was missing in the old testament. He tried

switching CDs and still that it skipped. This is good for a story like reading of the Bible, but it's not an accurate translation of the Bible, especially since only one man translated it into the message instead of a whole team with accountability and discussion.

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