

**Curtis Paul DeYoung, Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia S. Guardiola-Sáenz, George “Tink” Tinker, and Frank M. Yamada, eds. *The People’s Companion to the Bible*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press ([www.fortresspress.com](http://www.fortresspress.com)), 2010. Pages, 291. Paper, \$29.00.**

Not a commentary in the strict sense, this companion provides various cultural perspectives and interpretations by fifty-five biblical scholars from several racial and ethnic origins. This rich cultural diversity underscores the fact that the social location of the reader significantly influences that reader’s perception. The first part of the book includes excellent preparation for reading. A self-inventory aids readers in uncovering their own social location, thus providing insight into the cultural lenses they employ in reading. Brief introductions to cultural perspectives (African-American, Latina/o, Native American, Asian-American, Euro-American), gender sensitivity, and eco-responsibility set the stage for reading the essays on the respective biblical books. The chapters follow the order of the Protestant canon, also including the apocryphal/deuterocanonical books. This is a fine companion to Bible study on all levels.