

Review: Every Step an Arrival

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[Every Step an Arrival](#)

A 90-Day Devotional for Exploring God's Word

By Eugene Peterson (Waterbrook)

In this forthcoming book scheduled for release in October, insights from Eugene Peterson's sermons illuminate passages from the Old Testament. Each devotion is short, readable in just a couple of minutes, and concludes with a moment for personal application.

The devotions and the Scriptures they accompany do not proceed in a straight line, although the Old Testament passages do appear in canonical order. Rather, they are offered as self-contained morsels. The reader is expected to taste each one, consider it, meditate on it and apply it. With this expectation, [Every Step an Arrival](#) may remind readers of Peterson's earlier books [A Long Obedience](#) and [Eat This Book](#).



Peterson warms and inspires in some places while calling us to account in others. In one devotion on begging for idols, we are reminded of our penchant to abandon God only to be chastened back by the One who will not abandon us. Elsewhere, we are asked if we will accept God's rule or rebel against it. In treating Isaiah, Peterson reminds us the wrongs of this

world are temporary, for God intends to make all things right.

I only wish the compilers included more entries from the minor prophets. Surely, Peterson has profound things to teach us about the warnings and hope found in those little, out-of-the-way books. I suppose the publisher worried readers wouldn't stay longer than 90 days. Perhaps the publisher need not worry. Good food is hard to resist.

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