A New Hymnal For Colleges And Schools
Synopsis

A nondenominational, ecumenical collection of over 400 hymns and 100 psalms designed for worship services in academic communities. Hymns and spiritual songs are drawn from many countries and many different traditions. Some hymns appear in their original languages, with English translations.

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Customer Reviews

A NEW HYMNAL FOR COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (1992) is an odd pew hymnal and if anything, its peculiarities have become more apparent in the over 20 years since its introduction. Layout is bland, with common names of hymns titled only slightly larger (and not emphasized) than the overall proceedings. The not-quite-complete chanted Psalter (hymnodists must hate Psalm 49!) intrudes partway into the hymns for no reason of logic or sequence I could discover and is followed by some sung Psalms in regular layout. The 575 hymnic entries are an unimpressive total considering that the Psalms included and even the antiphon for them are part of the count. There was no room in this book for "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," "Let All Things Now Living," "In the Bleak Midwinter," "All Things Bright and Beautiful," or "O Little Town of Bethlehem" using the more common tune setting ST. LOUIS. Yet there is room for some odd incursions, apparently under the name of inclusiveness: "Who is She, neither male nor female?" asks no. 15, apparently unaware that the first three words made the rhetorical question unnecessary and impossible. "Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah" was rewritten to "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"; yet to me it is just as
archaic to use "ever" to mean "always" as it was to strike the pronoun "Thou." The retail price of this book is outlandish (at this time, $38.00) and for that amount of money one could buy two of almost any denominational hymnal, or three of most nondenominational hymnals, any of which are more likely to serve.

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