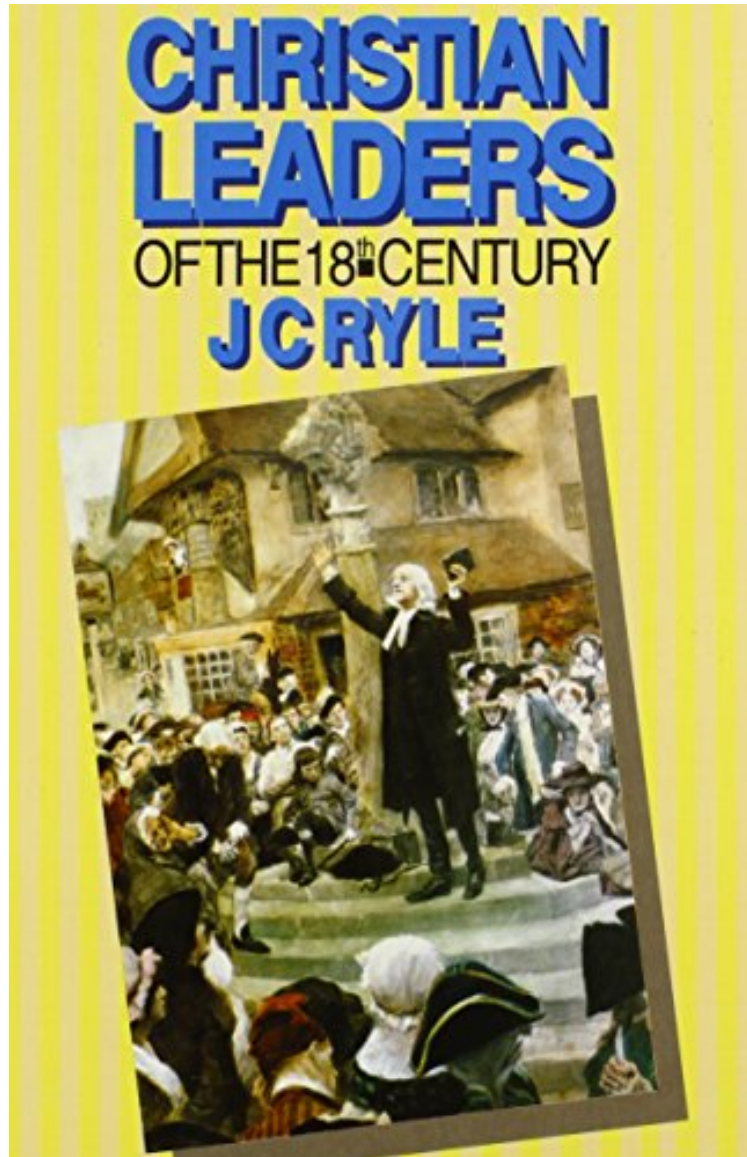


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J. C. Ryle : Christian Leaders of the 18th Century before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Christian Leaders of the 18th Century:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Classic Every Christian Should Read By Rebecca of When one of my new friends told me this was their favorite book I had to read it. Before reading this book I had never heard of any of the evangelical ministers profiled in glowing detail. While many of them were educated at Cambridge and Oxford

they only seemed to become true Christians when they did their own research and were convicted by the Holy Spirit. J.C. Ryle's writing style is very pleasant to read and his insight and love of details makes this book compelling. Each short biography describes just enough of the minister's life as to engage the reader's curiosity to learn more. I especially liked reading about what each minister said on his deathbed. There are also excerpts from sermons and letters which are enjoyable to read. Some of the biographies were more compelling than others. George Whitefield's life was by far the most interesting and I was amazed that anyone could preach eighteen thousand times! William Grimshaw's life was also intriguing. He also endured a lot of persecution and sometimes preached 30 times a week. I thought the example of one of his prayers was stunning. I must say that I laughed with amusement at some of the things he said to people in all honesty. I thought the example of John Wesley's sermon was remarkable. This book also contains the stories of William Romaine, Daniel Rowlands, John Berridge, Henry Venn, Walker of Truro, James Hervey, Toplady and Fletcher of Madely. I'd recommend this book to all preachers and to any Christian who is interested in the English Reformation. I am very impressed with the vibrancy with which this book was written. You will be changed by the reading of this book because it presents the message of hope that people need to get out of this world alive.

~The Rebecca Review

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great introduction to a most inspiring time

By D. T. Kleven

The Evangelical Awakening is an incredible event in the history of Christianity. Many have heard of it, but few have dug into the depths of the great work that God did at that time on both sides of the Atlantic, in America, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and of course England. This book by J.C. Ryle focuses on the men who were used in England and Wales. He takes 11 men and gives a short biography and then assessment of their lives and labors. The men are George Whitefield, John Wesley, William Grimshaw, William Romaine, Daniel Rowland, John Berridge, Henry Venn, Samuel Walker of Truro, James Hervey, Augustus Toplady and John Fletcher of Malady. That most of these men are unknown to us today is regrettable, and the reading of this book is a great start to remedying this.

The Awakening is incredible. God raised up these men and used them in the preaching of the gospel to hundreds of thousands of people. Most of them were Anglican, and had parishes within the Church of England. Nevertheless, they experienced revival in their parishes, and often went beyond the boundaries of their territory and preached abroad to whoever would listen. Whitefield was the pioneer in this, and others followed his example. Each of these men has different personalities, different strengths and different weaknesses. The book serves as a testimony to the grace of God which uses very different men to accomplish His purposes. "He giveth severally as He will." This book also serves as a spring board for further study. I cannot recommend highly enough Dallimore's *George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the Eighteenth-Century Revival - Volume I* and *George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of the Eighteenth Century - Volume II*, as well as *Daniel Rowland, William Grimshaw of Haworth, and a man not mentioned here, but used greatly in Wales alongside Daniel Rowland - The Early Life of Howell Harris*. One name that you will see over and over again is *Selina: Countess of Huntingdon: Her Pivotal Role in the 18th Century Evangelical Awakening*. Her biography is highly recommended as a filling in of some background information, as well as a very inspiring life!

These men, "shook England from one end to another," and, "excepting Luther... and our own martyred Reformers, the world has seen no such men since the days of the apostles." I highly recommend this book. I plan on rereading it this year for the second time and can see doing so many times, and doing as Martyn Lloyd Jones said, "go to the eighteenth century."

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must for Pastors

By Ken J.C. Ryle does a marvelous historical and analytical study of the period. I am especially thankful for the meticulous manner in which he highlights the various characters and makes the necessary spiritual applications along the way. I recommend this book to Pastors of various denominations as there is a great warning as well as great comfort in knowing those who forget their past are doomed to relive it. This book serves as a great challenge to Pastors to read and see what kind of men God used in the past and see if we can begin to fill back their boots.

Although much has been written on the evangelical revival of the 18th century, J.C. Ryle's account remains the best popular introduction to this great spiritual era. The best introduction to the 18th century and undoubtedly Ryle's finest piece of historical writing. Contains vivid biographies of the men who 'shook England from one end to the other', giving strong reasons for his belief 'that excepting Luther and his Continental contemporaries, and our own martyred Reformers, the world has seen no such men since the days of the apostles.' But Ryle does not write to prompt admiration, and his conclusions and applications of his subject are among the most forceful that ever came from his pen. 'I am obliged to say plainly that, in my judgement, we have among us neither the men nor the doctrines of the days gone by... Once let the evangelical ministry return to the ways of the 18th century, and I firmly believe we should have as much success as before. We are where we are, because we have come short of our fathers.'