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About the Author Glenn S. Sunshine is Professor and Chair of the History Department at Central Connecticut University in New Britain, Connecticut. He is the author of a number of articles and books, including *Reforming French Protestantism: The Development of Huguenot Ecclesiastical Institutions*. From AudioFile This is one of a series of Armchair Theologians books, and it deserves a wide audience. It is, in equal parts, a history of the Protestant Reformation (1517-1648) and a discussion of the major religious differences in Christianity that spawned revolutions, world explorations, and the founding of the United States. The author has a wonderful sense of humor and respects the intelligence of his audience. Narrator Kate Reading has a friendly, crystal clear voice that makes this book interesting and accessible. She varies her pitch for emphasis and nails every sly, funny reference the author makes. Reading also pronounces French and German words in the vernacular, which is a refreshing change from the usual Americanization of foreign languages. R.I.G. AudioFile 2010, Portland, Maine