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# Book of the Month

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## *Why I am a United Methodist*

by William Willimon

Whenever someone asks me how they can learn something about John Wesley and United Methodism, I urge them to begin with this slender volume. In seven chapters, Professor Willimon introduces us to John Wesley, to the importance of the Bible in our denomination, to our practical theology, and more. He helps us to understand what is distinctive about Methodists within the larger Christian community. Willimon writes, "This book is one person's account of the ways in which the United Methodist version of Christianity has made and continues to make a difference to me and so many others."

The book is suitable for a discussion groups, such as a Sunday School class. It has a set of learning activities for each chapter that could be used by the discussion leader.

As always, Willimon is thoughtful, heartfelt, and plain-spoken.