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Reformation & Early Modern Spirituality

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3. Catholic Spirituality (16th-19th Centuries): Classic Texts

1. SPIRITUALITY IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD: SELECTED STUDIES

See the “Bibliographies of the Reformation” for a more complete listing of books on the history and theology of the Reformation. The following are limited to works on spirituality:


Marcia B. Hall and Tracy E. Cooper, eds., *The Sensuous in the Counter-Reformation Church* (Cambridge; Cambridge University Press, 2013) hardcover, $99. NEW.
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2. PROTESTANT SPIRITUALITY: CLASSIC TEXTS


### 3. CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY (16th-19th Centuries): CLASSIC TEXTS

Ignatius of Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises and Selected Works*, Classics of Western Spirituality (New York: Paulist Press, 1991). This volume, translated by some of the top Jesuit historians, offers Ignatius’ *Autobiography*, which details his conversion and the formation of the early Jesuits. Ignatius’ other classic, *The Spiritual Exercises*, should not really be read. It is what it says it is: a gymnastics book for the spirit, and really should be used under the guidance of a spiritual director. This volume has some good excerpts from Ignatius’ little-known letters and his *Constitutions*.

John of the Cross, *Selected Writings*, Classics of Western Spirituality, trans. Kieran Kavanaugh (New York: Paulist Press, 1987). John is perhaps the greatest and most austere analyst of mysticism in the Catholic tradition. His paradoxical language can be baffling and easily misunderstood by one unfamiliar with the tradition of ‘negative theology.’ This is a better translation than the older one by E. Allison Peers.

shrewd analyst of the interior life. This is perhaps her best work. Once again, a better translation than the E. Allison Peers.


### 4. AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY (17th-19th Cent.): CLASSIC TEXTS


