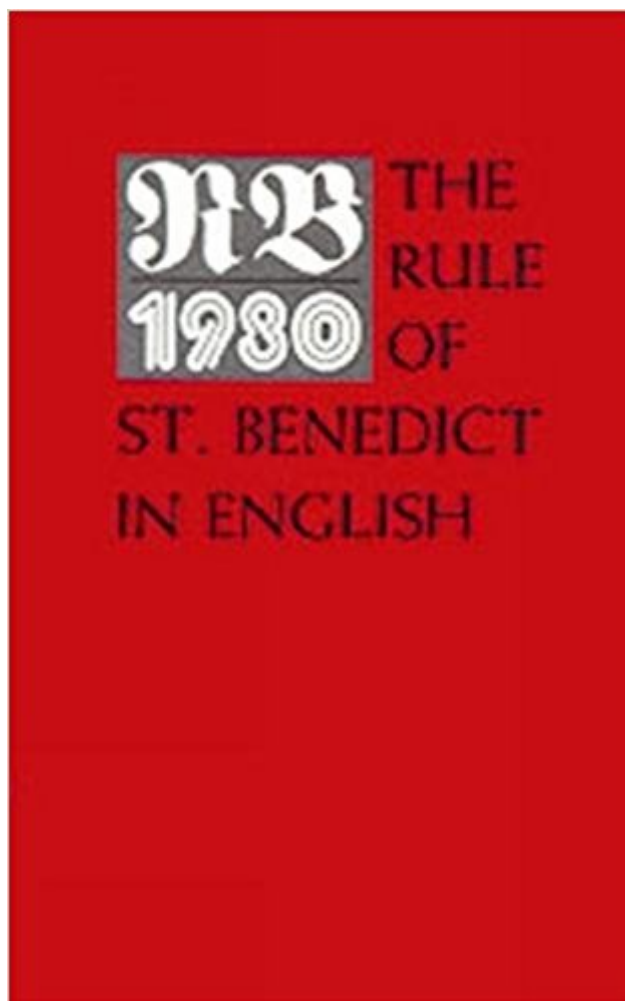


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This is a tight, sharp, clean little work. Benedict is clear and precise, with limited words. His rules seem a bit strict to my modern mind (not a fan of the idea of beating children) but I understand that during the time, this was acceptable and even laudable. My inherent mistrust of humans causes me to ask whether Benedict's rule would work - there is much room for the miss-use of power. The answer, of course, is that each monk should be so devoted to Christ that he exudes the humility and kindness of the Lord. But humans are notoriously prone to self-interest and to the use of religious belief and the name of God to further their own agenda. That aside, this was a worthwhile read. To understand how the Benedictine monks lived, and to perhaps find wisdom for living one's own life. One doesn't need to be a monk to require advice on how to deal with other humans in a manner pleasing to God. This book offers excellent assistance in that area: worth reading and worth buying.

Written around the year 510, The Rule gave structure and sound principles for monks could live and work together in an ordered life that gave security and stability. Benedict sought to lay down "nothing harsh, nothing burdensome". The Rule contains directions for all aspects of monastic life, so the brothers could go about their duties without "justifiable grumbling". The Rule comes complete with job

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Quick little historical read which leads to reflection on Christian community.

This edition gives you the biblical references on which St. Benedict based his Rule. This adds more depth of understanding...at least it did for me.

A great little book . . . all the information you will expect . . . Peace and all good

Rules we all can live by.

The Rule of St. Benedict in English is a nice translation. I was looking for a copy of The Rule that is broken down into daily readings. The Rule of St. Benedict in English is not broken down into daily readings.

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