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Marsden, George M. *Jonathan Edwards: A Life*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2003.

A fair, thorough and exhaustive biography of Jonathan Edwards has finally been written. George Marsden is a premiere church historian who has written much on American Christianity. This volume is not an average biography. It is an intellectual (exploring the theology of Edwards), spiritual (exploring the religious affections of Edwards) and an historical biography (exploring the context, culture and politics surrounding Edwards). The book has 505 pages of main text followed by almost a hundred pages of endnotes! If you love reading Christian *history*, you will enjoy this. If you are not quite the historian, you may want to consider fasting and praying about it before you take this one on!

Level: Heavy -weight

Theological Stance: Christian Reformed Church

Rating: 7

Recommend? Yes, but see last sentence above!