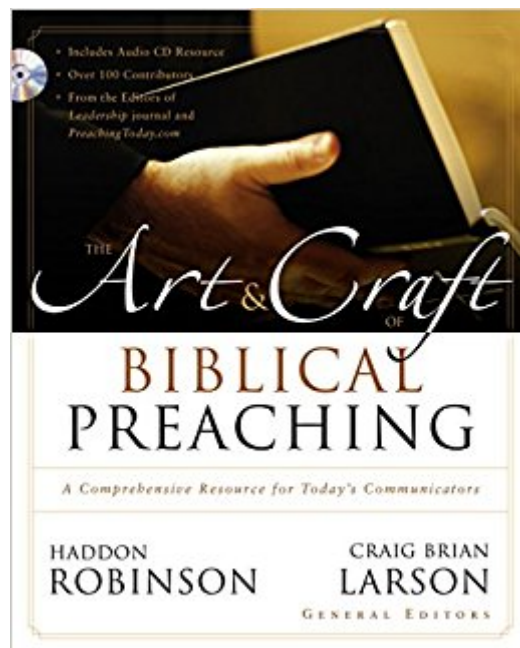




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With over 100 contributors, including pastors and theologians of different denominations, this is one of the most comprehensive books on preaching there is. The down side is, each contributor pretty much writes 1-10 pages of materials, so many discuss the same thing, and some even contradict each other. However, the book is called *Art and Craft*, and as such, everyone is entitled to their own opinion on what is effective. It is up to the reader to decide what they should incorporate. I actually really appreciate this approach - instead of telling me that things should be done in this way, it presented me with several options, and let me decide what best suited me

I'm getting my Doctor of Ministry degree in preaching, and so I've read lots of books about giving sermons through the years. This is one of the best. Dozens of scholars have written articles divided up into different categories (style, delivery, preparation, application, illustration, introductions, conclusions). Timothy Warren has several articles defending the topical expository sermon. He is strongly committed to expository preaching, but he doesn't necessarily feel that this always has to be from just one passage per Sunday. Haddon Robinson has a convicting article warning about plagiarism, and he also has a great article about planning your sermons ahead of time. Rick Warren has a good article about purpose driven titles for your sermons. The title should clearly communicate what the message is about without giving too much away. John Ortberg discusses the use of illustrations, and there are also articles about outlining and discovering the main point of the

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