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Dowley, Tim. **Atlas of the European reformations**, by Tim Dowley with cartography by Nick Rowland. Fortress, 2015. 160p bibl index afp ISBN 9781451499698 pbk, \$24.00; ISBN 9781506402918 ebook, contact publisher for price.

Featuring maps created by Rowland (fellow, Royal Geographical Society) and text by Dowley, author of other works on Christian themes, e.g., *Christian Music: A Global History* (CH, Jan'12, 49-2574), this atlas is a wonderful resource to aid study of the Reformation. Rowland's maps are very colorful and easy to read, while Dowley provides the text that describes the background to what the maps show. There are many color illustrations and a few in black and white accompanying the maps and text, as well as a time line from 1300 to 1700. The atlas's four parts discuss the period before and during the Reformation, the Catholic Reformation or Counter-Reformation, and a conclusion covering early modern Europe. The author examines a variety of historical events, persons, and topics (e.g., The Great Schism, Philip Melanchthon, the Spanish Armada, Cromwell's foreign wars), usually in one or two pages with an associated map. There are two pages of bibliography, an eight-page gazetteer, and a short, two-page index. Due to the work's reasonable price and ease of use, it is suitable for both public and academic libraries, and especially for teachers and students.

--B. S. Exton, *St. Gregory's University*

Summing Up: Highly recommended. All readership levels.