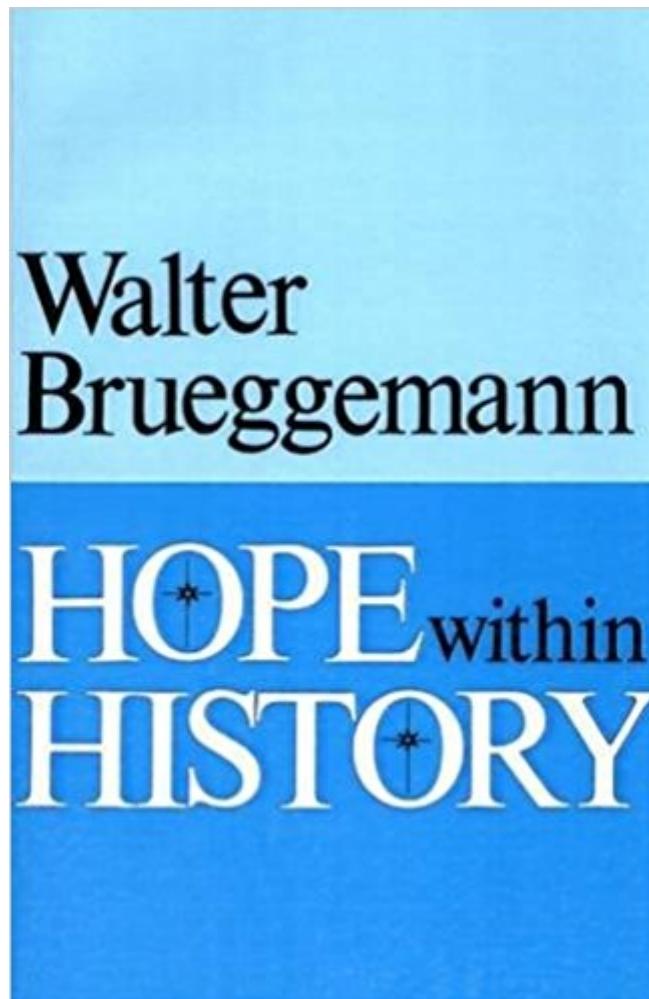


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how do i rate a book like this? i mean, it's certainly not a "reader". no one's gonna curl up by a fire with a cup of hot chocolate and read this puppy, finding it to be a page-turner. it's an intro, followed by a collection of 5 theological talks, presented by brueggemann at one theological symposium or another. and, unless you live in that world, much of the language is so dry and pithy, i literally laughed out loud when i noticed that the back cover said that the author was known for how

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