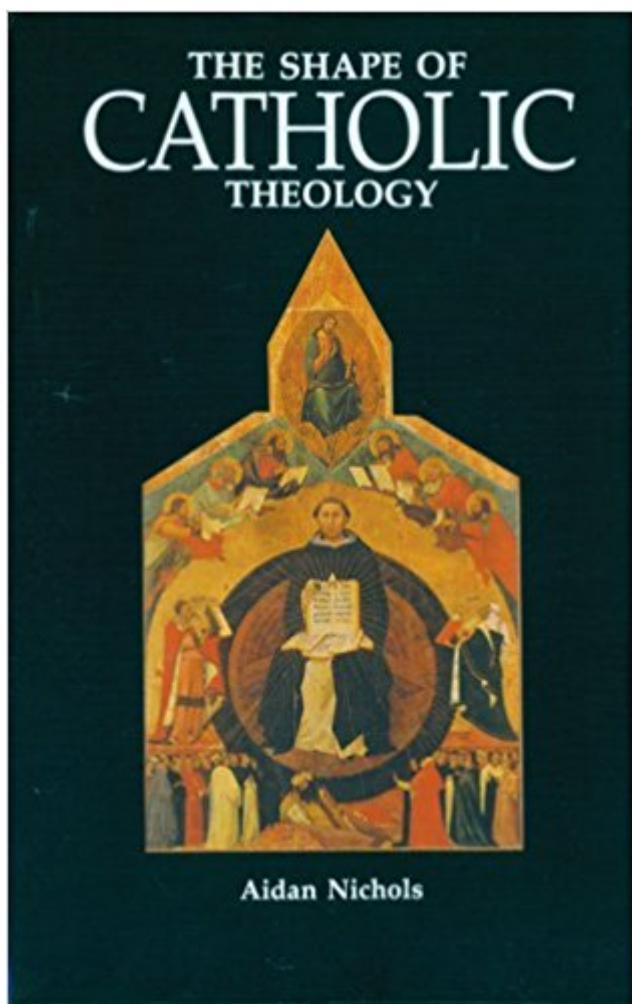


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# The Shape Of Catholic Theology: An Introduction To Its Sources, Principles, And History



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Very good book for aspiring Theologians.

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