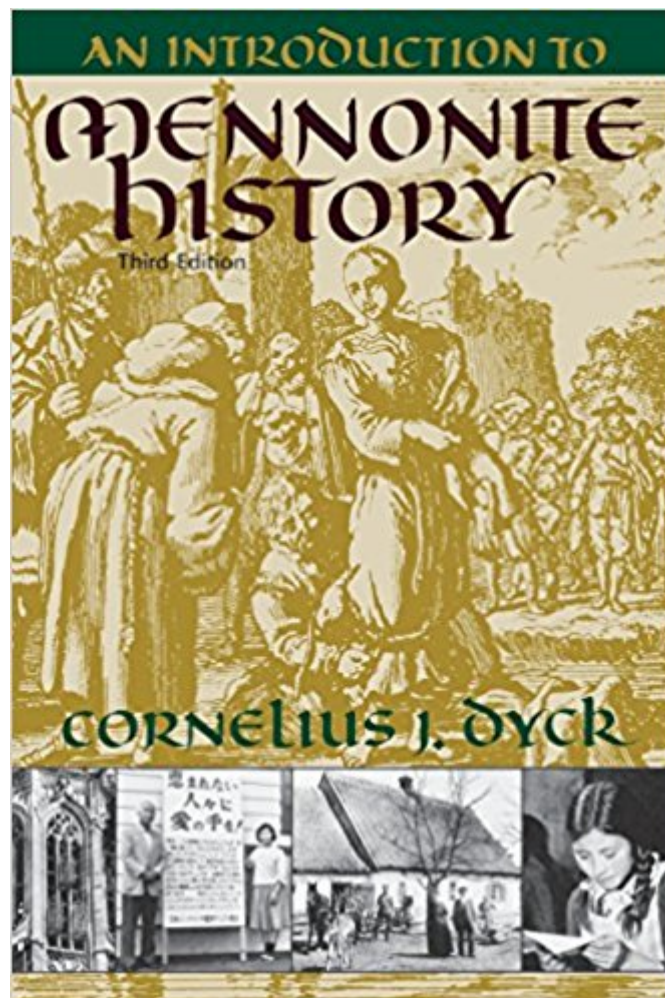




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It's not bad. Very detailed. Very informative!

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