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Marty Taylor says

Really good information - great history of the early revival movement. Found the writing a bit on the dull side however.

Tim says

A solid biography relating Finney's life and especially his theology. Finney has been savaged (to this day) by Calvinists, but his understanding of conversion is the one most evangelicals follow today. Too bad they grabbed so little of his understanding of sanctification and perfectionism to follow that immediate experience of conversion. We get hints of the larger American world Finney inhabited and of his longer influence on evangelicalism, but the subtitle "and the Spirit of American Evangelicalism" could have been further explored. I also would not have minded a more thorough reevaluation of Paul Johnson's use (and abuse) of class in describing the Rochester revivals. Hambrick-Stowe seems to take for granted Finney's reaching out primarily to the middle and upper classes, but the details he relates do not seem to entirely bear this out. But this biography could not do everything and I especially appreciated its thoughtful description of Finney's theology and how it fit into and went beyond the New Divinity.

Joel Zartman says

Long on information and short on evaluation. A good introduction.
