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- Translated by F. J. Sheed
- Introduction by Peter Brown
- Notes by Michael Foley

Like the first Hackett edition of the Augustine's *Confessions*, the second edition features F. J. Sheed's remarkable translation of this classic spiritual autobiography with an Introduction by noted historian of late antiquity Peter Brown. New to this edition are a wealth of notes on literary, philosophical, biblical, historical, and liturgical topics by Michael P. Foley, an Editor's Preface, a map, a timeline, paragraph numbers in the text, a glossary, and a thorough index. The text itself has been completely reset, with textual and explanatory notes placed at the foot of the page for easy reference.

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'Augustine's sublime *Confessions* fairly ring with the music of a baroque eloquence, lavish and stately. F. J. Sheed's ear for that music makes this translation a memorable opportunity to hear Augustine's voice resonating down the years.' --James O'Donnell

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