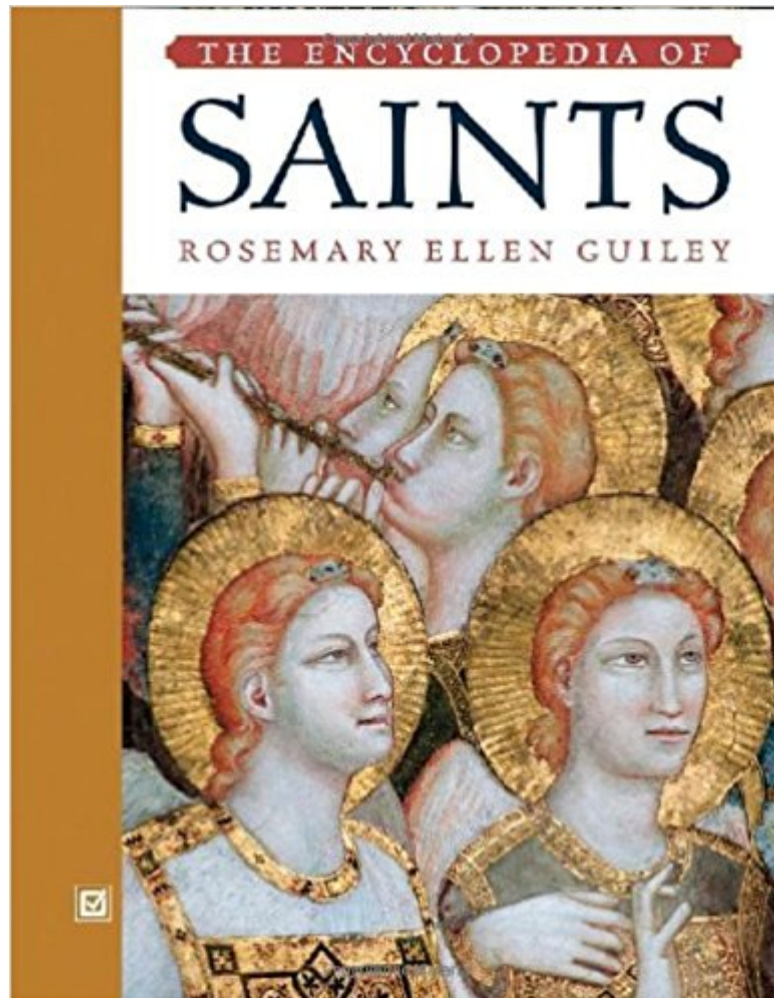




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Prior to his religious conversion, St Francis of Assisi was a liar, thief, and virtual madman known for running naked in the streets. St Teresa of Avila healed herself on her deathbed by praying to her patron saint. St Augustine converted after a terrifying dream in which God beat him black and blue for his pagan beliefs.

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author tells that she was motivated to produce this work by a personal mystical experience. Despite this, she does not attempt to interpret or proselytize. Instead, she allows the facts to speak for themselves, as she has in her previous Facts On File publications, including Encyclopedia of Angels (1997) and Atlas of the Mysterious in North America (1994). Readers seeking inspiration through the lives and examples of historical figures have a multitude of titles to choose from. Recent offerings range from Richard P. McBrien's Lives of the Saints: From Mary and Francis of Assisi to John XXIII and Mother Teresa (Harper, 2001) to Heaven Help Us: The Worrier's Guide to the Patron Saints, by Alice La Plante and Clare La Plante (Dell, 1999). Public libraries in need of a basic, accessible resource for the reference collection, or collections that need to update (Guiley includes saints canonized as recently as 2000), will be well served by this volume. RBB Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very interesting, historical and enlightening!

Very complete and has a lot of info...would like pictures like some others books I have seen, but it does the job. I like that the write-up for each saint is relatively short, but covers all the important details.

This is a wonderful book. It offers a detailed description of the lives of many saints (some well known, some obscure), and it does that without ever being boring. It is so refreshing to read about the lives of people who led REALLY important lives, and not about the lives of people that seem to matter but really don't (like today's pop idols). By reading these extraordinary lives one gets courage and strength to persevere in today's world with faith.

Not all of the saints are included

Do not buy the Kindle version. Navigation within the book does not exist. Search engine slow and cumbersome.

While I loved my 'Saints Book' which was lost in a move, this version is up-to-date and accurate beyond any I've considered.

It has many saints most people never heard of before; however the more I read it the more I questioned what made these people so special they became saints, and how did political influence affect their choice. I think a reason for her choice should have been included.

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