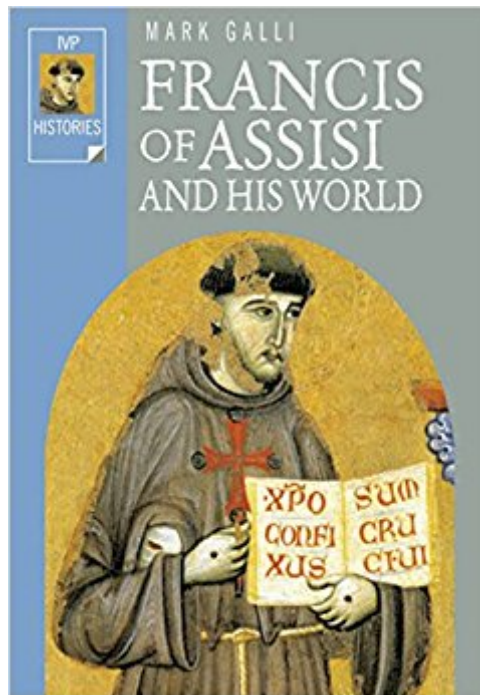


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I was thoroughly impressed (not to mention frequently moved) by Galli's handling of Francis' story. Mark Galli manages to tell the story in a way that is fresh, engaging, and thought-provoking. This book (and all the books in this series) is a very attractive little volume with high-gloss pages and full-color artwork placed throughout. In short, if I were to recommend a biography of Francis to anybody wanting to understand this great Saint, this would be it. (Wyman Richardson, Walking Together, January 28, 2008)"Few overviews of Christian history can rival the IVP Histories' winning mix of summary and storytelling. Aimed at a general audience, these expertly written books contain much to delight and inform even this long-time student of Christian history. Their size makes them

easy to begin reading, and their beautiful images and clear, colorful writing make them hard to put down. A treasure!" (Chris Armstrong, managing editor, Christian History and Biography)

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This text was required for a college class I'm taking but I must say how surprised I am by it. The story is easy to read, the pages are glossy and colorful, and I find myself easily understanding a story I thought I would struggle to comprehend. There are notes and sidebars that enhance the actual story itself and I find those additions beneficial to the overall text and the story as well. This author makes a story from centuries ago easy to understand and relatable and it actually makes me interested in a life story that I didn't think I had any interest in learning about. I also find this to be an easy read and I'd be able to read it even if it wasn't a required class text. I'd recommend it to people in college and those who are not - expand your mind and enjoy the story.

A whole different perspective on the times that St. Francis lived and his influence on others. I have read other books about Francis, this one was more thorough.

WELL-WRITTEN AND WORTH READING BY ANYONE, CATHOLIC OR NOT.WE LEARN THAT THIS GENTLE PERSON STARTED OUT WITH A LOT TO LEARN.HE WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE NOTHING FROM ANYONE ELSE, EXCEPT SUSTENANCE IN FOOD AND THAT IN SMALL AMOUNTS.

This book, along with the others in the series, is an excellent introductory text to understand St. Francis and the world in which he lived, struggled and prayed. The text is lavished with photos, artwork and packed with good history and analysis. The pages are sturdy gloss and the covers are meant to be abused. This is an excellent pocket book and would make a great gift for anyone interested but not too knowledgeable on the life and times of Francis. Total background information is provided for the novice. For the price and content you cannot go wrong with this book, or any of the series. Enjoy!

The man had a very interesting life, and a life I myself would not care to try and live.

what i needed for class, perfect condition at a good price. Not dull

this is a capable if somewhat uninspired book about St Francis. there are many striking medieval illustrations included in the book which is good. Overall this is a pretty good concise biography.

I bought this because it was required for a class. Enough said, right? I did enjoy reading the book though.

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