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This much-loved modern classic tells the life story of the Little Poor Man of Assisi simply, lyrically, faithfully. "I have reread this book more than any other and still continue to be changed by its perceptions and compelling insights."—*Companion of St. Francis*

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Mark Luongo says

This was my Easter/Lent book this year. I'm going to admit it was slow-going and a bit "deep" here and there. But I enjoyed the collection of stories that are in this volume. They are a series of recollections of Francis' life as told as Francis experiences the final few hours of his life in the chapel of Our Lady of the Angels below the town of Assisi. I particularly enjoyed "Of Larks & Sparrows", "The Wolf of Gubbio", "The Rains of Mount Subasio" and "A Prayer for Every Weather." A truly devote individual and it comes as no surprise that the Pope chose the name of Francis for his inspiration.

Francesca Margati says

Buku ini sungguh hidup, mimpi dan perjalanan Fransiskus begitu nyata dikisahkan dari bab ke bab, ayat permenungan dan alur ceritanya menenggelamkan kita dalam refleksi bathin dan pertobatan...membawa kita masuk dalam perjalanan bathin dan meneguhkan iman. Kisah Fransiskus memberi makna tentang mimpi dan perjalanan manusia di dunia, tentang cinta kasih, kesederhanaan, keindahan alam dan mahluk di dalamnya, persaudaraan, kekecewaan, kegagalan, kesombongan, keegoisan, cinta diri, ketakutan, semua diceritakan dalam bahasa sastra ringan yang menyentuh jiwa.

Kedua-duanya penting
Baik perjalanan maupun Impian,
Baik menuju keluar maupun ke dalam.
tanpa perjalanan,
Impian itu cuma sekadar permenungan diri
Dengan memutarakan roda refleksi mengenai itu- itu saja
Dan putarannya berporoskan dirimu saja!
Bersama dengan perjalanan,
Penemuan dirimu akan menjadi suatu perjalanan
Yang tidak berakhir di dalam dirimu
Tetapi melampaui dirimu
Dan memunculkan sisi lain
Dari roda refleksi
Yang digerakkan dalam dirimu
Kalau tinggal lama di dalam
Perjalanan menjadi sekadar dongeng
Dan mimpi menjadi ilusi
Roda harus berputar di atas jalan yang nyata
Menuju arahan impianmu.
Kalau tinggal lama di jalan
Mimpi akan padam sampai tidak kelihatan lagi
Dan jalan akan menggantikan impian.
Perjalanan dan Impian bersama
Menjadi satu ungkapan kasih yang seimbang
Dan kedua duanya akan terwujud.
Di luar batas-batas pikiranmu.

Kisah Santo Fransiskus sumber inspirasi bagiku. Terimakasih suster Gaby yang telah memberikan buku ini kepadaku th.2005, dan tahun ini kedua kalinya aku membaca kembali buku ini.

Mark says

Absolutely beautiful! Poetic, easy and enjoyable to read. I've read a few books on St. Francis before and this gives a more spiritual aspect rather than historical. A must for anyone who likes monastic and especially Franciscan spirituality.

Mary Ann says

This is a beautiful book-a prose poem. Father Bodo was a good friend of my family, and I first read this more than forty years ago and have read it many times since. It's not really a biography, but anyone who wants to understand the magnetism of Francis, Christian or not, will love this little book. Cincinnati, Ohio is steeped in Franciscan tradition, and I'm grateful for having had many Franciscan friends and mentors during my childhood and adolescence. Thank you, Father Bodo.

Julie Connor says

In lovely allegory poetically composed by Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM, tells the story of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis was born into a wealthy family whose father expected him to take an active leadership role in his prosperous silk business. Instead, Francis acted upon intuition and instinct; he transformed prayer and consciousness into loving service to others. The founder of the Order of St. Francis encouraged others to turn inside where the Voice of our own dreams speak and to respond with trust and faith to follow where Spirit leads you. The story closes with a poem by Bodo called "The Journey and The Dream." In its last line, Bodo writes:

The Journey and The Dream

Are one balanced act of love

And both are realized

Outside the mind.

This book not only tells the story of Francis, but it invites readers to listen to the call within our own hearts to something deeper. Bodo's work continues to inspire me - three decades after I read it. It's time to reread it again.

Gill says

I am currently studying and had to investigate the spirituality of St. Francis .This book was meditative accessible and above all meaningful and relevant for today . St. francis wanted to "Live the Gospel" and his example has echoes for us today in a different culture and time. It was the first book about a Saint that I read and could understand how he expressed his faith as a servant of God .

A great thought provoking book for this Advent 2012

Donald Jodon says

A decent book on some of the key moments in the live of Saint Francis. It highlights several incidents in this venerated Saints lives, but doesn't give you the overlal picture of the saint. Ultimately, this book is stuck between a 3 and a 4. What's there is very inspired and worth reading, but what isn't there shouts at you after you've finished.

Eric says

Found this on Audible and decided to give it a listen. I have read many biographies about St Francis and this one is my favorite. After completing listening to the book read by the author himself, I gained a new understanding of why he chose the life he did to follow Lady Poverty. The love Murary has for St Francis really comes through in the way he affectionately reads of the man that brought him closer to Jesus.

Don Becher says

While I am a great fan of St. Francis, I am not a big fan of this book. The sugar coated, here's what the great saint was thinking, non-credible in some respects, version of his life. No indication of the basis for much of what the author asserts. If you want to judge the worth of Francis (one of my favorite saints), I would take a pass on this one.

Celia says

This book was my "official" introduction to St. Francis. Of course, I knew of the saint, and his peaceful ways, and love of nature. This book, with it's very short chapters and poetic style, is almost like reading free verse. There are beautiful passages written with imagery and feeling, but I found myself wanting more information. As I visited Assisi, and Padua and San Giovanni Rotondo this past October, Francis' influence was around every corner. He was a truly remarkable man of God. This book has opened up a new Franciscan way of life, and I am already reading another book about Franciscan spirituality.

Leroy Seat says

This is a beautiful little book written by a Franciscan priest. It is not a biograph of Francis, but 77 vignettes of the life and thought of the 13th saint from Assisi.

If I had it to over again, I would read this book more slowly, only one short chapter a day. This is a book that needs to be savored, not devoured. But, maybe I will read this book again at some point, slowly as I suggested would be best.

[March 17, 2011] Finished reading for the second time, more slowly, and I enjoyed it probably more than the first time.

C says

FANTASTIC! This book is an easy read that provides little snippets of Saint Francis' humble views of service and faith. Truly inspired fiction! (And, thanks to my brother in-law for such a good Christmas present.)

Tom says

A good short book on the life of St. Francis. I felt it was better read for daily meditations than being read as a novel/biography. It helped me better realize why Pope Francis chose the name Francis when he became pope.

Holly says

The reading was simple and accessible to anyone. I imagine since the author was profoundly impacted as a very young man by a biography of Francis of Assisi he wrote very much in a style that would appeal from 13 years old and up. I think this book would be an important started for anyone wanting to delve deeper into this Saint's life. Some of the ideas presented here moved me deeply and certainly influenced my spiritually. The way the book is organized would also make it a good daily devotional.

Bobby Johansen says

This book on Francis, although good, was quite predictable. His life was presented in very flowery language that is typical of books written about him. I would consider it a great introduction to the Saint, but for anyone searching to learn something new about Francis, you might want to search elsewhere.
