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*The Complete Francis of Assisi* Seven  
Stories Press

Francis of Assisi is, after Mary of Nazareth, the greatest saint in the Christian calendar, and one of the most influential men in the whole of human history. By universal acclaim, this biography by G. K. Chesterton is considered the best appreciation of Francis's life--the one that gets to the heart of the matter. For Chesterton, Francis is a great paradoxical figure, a man who loved women but

vowed himself to chastity; an artist who loved the pleasures of the natural world as few have loved them, but vowed himself to the most austere poverty, stripping himself naked in the public square so all could see that he had renounced his worldly goods; a clown who stood on his head in order to see the world aright. Chesterton gives us Francis in his world--the riotously colorful world of the High Middle Ages, a world with more pageantry and romance than we have seen before or since. Here is the Francis who tried to end the Crusades by talking to the Saracens, and who interceded with the emperor on behalf of the birds. Here is the Francis who inspired a revolution in art that began with

Giotto and a revolution in poetry that began with Dante. Here is the Francis who prayed and danced with pagan abandon, who talked to animals, who invented the creche.

### **The Spiritual Odyssey of Nikos Kazantzakis** Penguin

This book narrates Kazantzakis' life --- his poverty, his life in exile, his struggle as a writer groping for a 'voice,' and describes the conditions under which that voice brought forth the prolific range of work that included *The Odyssey*, *Zorba the Greek*, and the controversial *Last Temptation of Christ*.

*The Sibyl* Oxford University Press, USA  
"A ... fictional account of the early

Christians, whose unlikely beliefs conquered the world ... With an idiosyncratic and at times iconoclastic take on the charms and foibles of the Church fathers, Carraere ferries readers through his 'doors' into the biblical narrative. Once inside, he follows the ragtag group of early Christians through the tumultuous days of the faith's founding. Shouldering biblical scholarship like a camcorder, Carraere re-creates the climate of the New Testament with the acumen of a ... storyteller, intertwining his own account of reckoning with the central tenets of the faith with the lives of the first Christians"--

**Francis of Assisi** Cambridge University Press

*At War with War* visualizes humanity's 5,000-year-long state of conflict, chaos, and violence on a continuous timeline. Seventy pages of stark black-and-white pen-and-ink drawings and woodcuts illustrate history's most notorious battles -- from 3300 BCE to the present day. Interspersed are contemplations on war from historic thinkers, including excerpts from "The Art of War" by Sun Tsu, "The Complaint of Peace" by Desiderius Erasmus, and "The State" by Randolph

Bourne. Searing and sardonic, balancing anger and despair with wit and humanity, these raw illustrations follow in the tradition of great social satirists such as Honoré Daumier, Frans Masereel, Felix Vallotton, and Otto Dix. Seymour Chwast is a design legend. As co-founder with Milton Glaser of Push Pin Studios, he led a revolution in graphic design in the 1960s and '70s, producing bold, vibrant work that pushed the limits of nearly every visual medium. Now, he turns his pen and sketchpad toward creating a new book on a subject that has been a personal obsession for nearly six decades: the fight against war, humankind's never-ending scourge.

*Rebel Song* Servant Books

Argues that while Nikos Kazantzakis may have occupied the so-called borderlands between belief and unbelief throughout much of his career, he nonetheless possessed, or was possessed by, an intense awareness of the sacred. These 11 essays analyze in detail Kazantzakis's lifelong struggle to give voice

**Zorba the Greek** Penguin

The life of St. Francis of Assisi was a paradigm of simplicity, humanity, and

love. In today's busy world, his practices have enormous appeal, described in this inspiring work by John Michael Talbot, the founder of The Brothers and Sisters of Charity, a lay order based on the Franciscan principles of simplicity and self-sufficiency. In *The Lessons Of St. Francis*, Talbot and co-author Steve Rabey demonstrate the enduring significance of Franciscan wisdom. Organized by topic, such as Simplicity, Humility, Compassion, Solitude, Service, and Prayer, each chapter includes excerpts from the writings of St. Francis, as well as those of his followers and biographers. Combining deep spiritual insights with the offer of a saner, less chaotic way of living, *The Lessons Of St. Francis* offers wise advice on how to incorporate these virtues into our own lives today.

*Kazantzakis, Volume 1* Vintage

"He who believes in miracles has already obtained one." A faith so powerful that he bore the stigmata. Prayer so intense that he appeared to believers all over the world. Padre Pio is one of the most intriguing and otherworldly saints of the twentieth century, but this biography has been out of print in English for more than

forty years--until now. Padre Pio, written just a few years after his death, brings the saint's words and works to a new audience eager to learn of his mysticism and miracles.

Confessions of a Sinner Princeton University Press

"A parable, rather than a novel in the ordinary sense of the term, *The Sibyl* is . . . a work of manifold meanings and unmistakable profundity, one that can neither be easily understood nor easily forgotten." —Granville Hicks, *The New Leader*

*The Lessons of Saint Francis* Hay House  
Fictional account of Saint Francis of Assisi's heroic single-mindedness in the face of extreme physical and spiritual suffering. He portrays the saint as a great lover and inspiring leader, who embraced radical poverty in the face of many obstacles and temptations.

**Nikos Kazantzakis** AuthorHouse

In the face of climate change, species loss, and vast environmental destruction, Belden C. Lane's spiritually centered environmentalism suggests that we must look to teachers in nature to understand how to save ourselves. Pairing anecdotes

of personal encounters with nature with the teachings of spiritual leaders from a range of religious traditions, this book invites us to participate once more in the great conversation among all creatures and the earth itself.

**The Theology of Martin Luther**

Princeton University Press

Putting Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis's vast output into the context of his lifelong spiritual quest and the turbulent politics of twentieth-century Greece, Peter Bien argues that Kazantzakis was a deeply flawed genius--not always artistically successful, but a remarkable figure by any standard. This is the second and final volume of Bien's definitive and monumental biography of Kazantzakis (1883-1957). It covers his life after 1938, the period in which he wrote *Zorba the Greek* and *The Last Temptation of Christ*, the novels that brought him his greatest fame. A demonically productive novelist, poet, playwright, travel writer, autobiographer, and translator, Kazantzakis was one of the most important Greek writers of the twentieth century and the only one to achieve international recognition as a novelist. But

Kazantzakis's writings were just one aspect of an obsessive struggle with religious, political, and intellectual problems. In the 1940s and 1950s, a period that included the Greek civil war and its aftermath, Kazantzakis continued this engagement with undiminished energy, despite every obstacle, producing in his final years novels that have become world classics.

**God's Pauper, St. Francis of Assisi**

Gardners Books

Like *The Last Temptation of Christ*, *Saint Francis* is a fictionalized biography of a widely venerated Christian figure: Francis of Assisi, whose renunciation of his young man's life of leisure and founding of a religious order dedicated to living in poverty and sharing the Gospels with all living things profoundly influence the ways in which Christians the world over worship and give service to their god even today. Recounted in Nikos Kazantzakis's striking prose through the eyes of the saint's brother, Leo, the life of Saint Francis shines in these pages as a heroic example of inspirational leadership and boundless love for God and all His creatures.

**God's Pauper. St. Francis of Assisi.**

**(Translated by P.A. Bien.).** Orbis Books  
This is a comprehensive and systematic survey of Martin Luther's entire thought by an internationally recognized authority in the field of Reformation research. The main theological questions which engaged the Reformer's attention are set forth in clear and simple fashion, along with a host of quotations from his own writings to illumine the presentation. Scholars and laypersons alike will appreciate the more than a thousand instances in which the author allows Luther to speak forcefully and directly for himself.

*Padre Pio* Taylor & Francis

In this classic, Felix Timmermans reveals a deep understanding and penetrating interpretation of the man Francis and the ideals that enabled him to move and to shake the whole world. Filled with humor, pathos and a strange kind of beauty, it is a combination of artistry, poetry and simplicity that plumbs the soul of Saint Francis. Here is the whole Francis, the poet, the ascetic, the stigmatist, the servant of the poor and the lepers, the miracle worker. But above all, here is the spirit of St. Francis "told as lyrically and simply as the hymns and words of Francis

himself in a book that communicates the joy of St. Francis."

***At War with War*** Simon and Schuster

The career of Alexander the Great, from age 15, to his death is portrayed in a very realistic, exciting fashion instead of the usual romanticized version.

***God's Struggler*** Simon and Schuster

The life of Nikos Kazantzakis—the author of *Zorba the Greek* and *The Last Temptation of Christ*—was as colorful and eventful as his fiction. And nowhere is his life revealed more fully or surprisingly than in his letters. Edited and translated by Kazantzakis scholar Peter Bien, this is the most comprehensive selection of Kazantzakis's letters in any language. One of the most important Greek writers of the twentieth century, Kazantzakis (1883–1957) participated in or witnessed some of the most extraordinary events of his times, including both world wars and the Spanish and Greek civil wars. As a foreign correspondent, an official in several Greek governments, and a political and artistic exile, he led a relentlessly nomadic existence, living in France, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Soviet Union, and England. He

visited the Versailles Peace Conference, attended the tenth-anniversary celebration of the Bolshevik Revolution, interviewed Mussolini and Franco, and briefly served as a Greek cabinet minister—all the while producing a stream of novels, poems, plays, travel writing, autobiography, and translations. The letters collected here touch on almost every aspect of Kazantzakis's rich and tumultuous life, and show the genius of a man who was deeply attuned to the artistic, intellectual, and political events of his times.

*Saint Francis* Ignatius Press

There are many editions of the writings of St. Francis, and biographies about him, but here in one volume are both, plus the complete text of the late medieval work, *The Little Flowers*, which did more to establish the legend of the man than any other work. This "Paraclete Giants" edition includes the complete *Road to Assisi*, Paul Sabatier's ground-breaking and foundational biography of the saint, first published in French in 1894 and re-issued and expanded in 2002; the complete *Francis in His Own Words: The Essential Writings*; and *The Little Flowers*, thus

offering the best introduction to St. Francis yet available between two covers. Other Paraclete Giants include *The Complete Julian of Norwich* and *The Complete Introduction to the Devout Life*, both translated and introduced by Fr. John-Julian, OJN.

**Saint Francis** Simon and Schuster  
 “Millions of readers and viewers have benefited from his experience [and] will welcome this behind-the-scenes look into his life . . .” — Anna Jedrzejewski, *Retailing Insight* magazine  
 For many years, Dr. Wayne W. Dyer’s fans have wondered when he would write a memoir. Well, after four decades as a teacher of self-empowerment and the best-selling author of more than 40 books, Wayne has finally done just that! However, he has written it in a way that only he can—with a remarkable take-home message for his longtime followers and new readers alike—and the result is an exciting new twist on the old format. Rather than a plain old memoir, Wayne has gathered together quantum-moment recollections. In this revealing and engaging book, Wayne shares dozens of events from his life, from the time he was a little boy in

Detroit up to present day. In unflinching detail, he relates his vivid impressions of encountering many forks in the road, taking readers with him into these formative experiences. Yet then he views the events from his current perspective, noting what lessons he ultimately learned, as well as how he has made the resulting wisdom available to millions via his lifelong dedication to service. As a reader, you will feel as if you are right there with Wayne, perusing his personal photo album and hearing about his family, his time in the service, how he writes his best-selling books, and so much more. In the process, you’ll be inspired to look back at your own life to see how everything you have experienced has led you to where you are right now. Wayne has discovered that there are no accidents. Although we may not be aware of who or what is “moving the checkers,” life has a purpose, and each step of our journey has something to teach us. As he says, “I wasn’t aware of all of the future implications that these early experiences were to offer me. Now, from a position of being able to see much more clearly, I know that every single encounter, every challenge, and every

situation are all spectacular threads in the tapestry that represents and defines my life, and I am deeply grateful for all of it.” *I Can See Clearly Now* is an intimate look at an amazing teacher, but it also holds the key for seekers on a personal path of enlightenment. Wayne offers up his own life as an example of how we can all recognize the hand of the Divine steering our individual courses, helping us accomplish the mission we came here to fulfill.

[Hold Fast the Mountain Pass](#) Princeton University Press

*REBEL SONG* is a collection of poetry, essays, stories and meditations that reveals a depth of social conviction and the honesty of sincere spiritual struggle. Writing from an Orthodox Christian foundation, the author provides words of necessary challenge and transcendent hope. This is a compilation of philosophical prose, revolutionary verse, and mystical reflections written by a visionary of peace, love, and human rights. Herein are prophetic insights that will stir apathetic minds and arouse slumbering hearts. Provocative, incendiary, and perhaps controversial, this book ultimately

resonates with redemptive truth. Through candid self-reflections and his clarion call to the Gospel of Peace, GEBRE MENFES KIDUS reveals the soul and consciousness of a true spiritual rebel.

Creative Destruction Mercer University

Press

Brazilian Leonardo Boff explores the relevance of St. Francis to contemporary spirituality and to the construction of a new church. Boff shows how "Il Poverello,"

the "Little Poor Man" of the 12th century embodies the Church's preferential option for the poor" As a "model of gentleness and care," Francis exemplifies how the spiritual and the social are never separate, but intimately bound together.