

2019 Catholic Reading Challenge

Listed here are a few of the categories in Hannah's 2019 Reading Challenge. The arrows (→) indicate which books we have available by donation at the Pastoral Centre. Many of the other books are available in our sign-out library.

A Book by an Orthodox Christian:

Laurus by Eugene Vodolazkin

- *The Way of a Pilgrim* by unknown author
- The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky

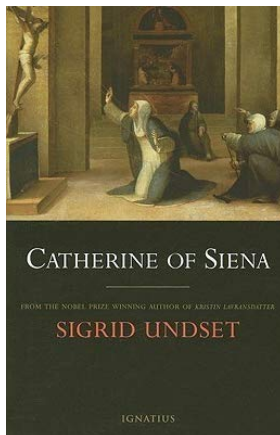
A Book by Fulton Sheen:

Peace of Soul

- *Remade for Happiness*

A Hagiography:

- *Catherine of Siena* by Sigrid Undset
- Black Elk: Holy Man of the Oglala* by Michael Steltenkamp
- *St. Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox* by G.K. Chesterton
- Magnus* by George Mackay Brown
- Helena* by Evelyn Waugh

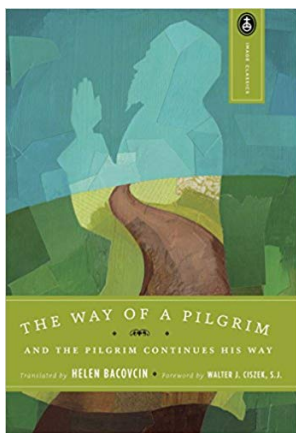


Sigrid Undset's *Catherine of Siena* is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth century saint. Known for her historical fiction, which won her the Nobel Prize for literature in 1928, Undset based this factual work on primary sources, her own experiences living in Italy, and her profound understanding of the human heart.

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A Book on Catholic Spirituality Written More than 100 Years Ago:

The Spiritual Canticle by St. John of the Cross

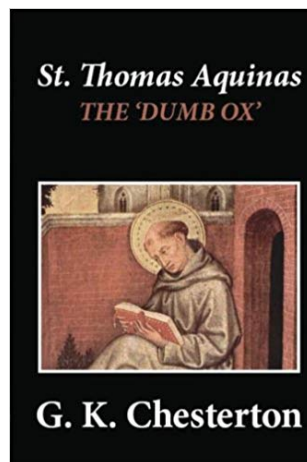


The Way of a Pilgrim was written by an unknown nineteenth-century Russian peasant and tells of his constant wrestling with the problem of "how to pray without ceasing". Through his journeys and travels and under the tutelage of a spiritual father, he becomes

gradually more open to the promptings of God, and sees joy and plenty wherever he goes. Ultimately, he discovers the different meanings and methods of prayer as he travels to his ultimate destination, Jerusalem.

The Way of a Pilgrim is a humble story ripe for renewed appreciation today. This book reveals the great religious traditions of Eastern Christianity, and this work, translated for modern times, is among the finest examples of those centuries-old traditions.

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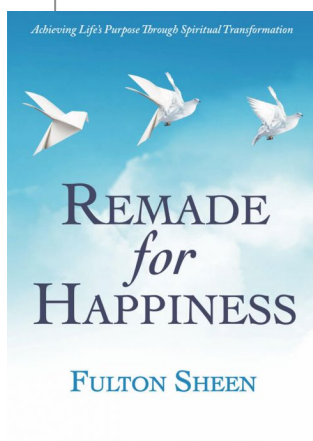


All of the usual caveats about Chesterton's writing apply here: he cannot resist a digression, he cannot resist an alliterative allusion, he cannot resist a pun. He is so full of life that he is constantly threatening to spin out of control. He is not a scholar, he is not writing a

sober appraisal, he is probably not sure of most of the biographical details of his subject. In spite of these defects, the book is a triumph...

Those wanting a more straight-forward treatment should seek out one of Josef Pieper's books on Aquinas. But if you have any adventurous spirit, by all means read this book. It is written by a man who loves and understands his subject in his very bones, and who brings his subject to life in a way that is most uncanny.

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When asked, "What's wrong with the world?" G.K. Chesterton famously replied simply, "I am". We want to be happy and yet we often seem to be the source of our own unhappiness, as well as that of others. Even when that is not the case, our lives – as blessed as they may be – have their share of sadness and disappointment. How do we respond? Do we become cynical and try, at all costs, to get as much pleasure as we can? Or do we recognize we were made for more?

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"*Remade for Happiness* is a book that succeeds in universally drawing in all readers. There's nobody better than the Venerable Archbishop Sheen in communicating the most important element of life. If you want to have the light of happiness in this life and in the next, then you need to read this book!"

– Terry Barber