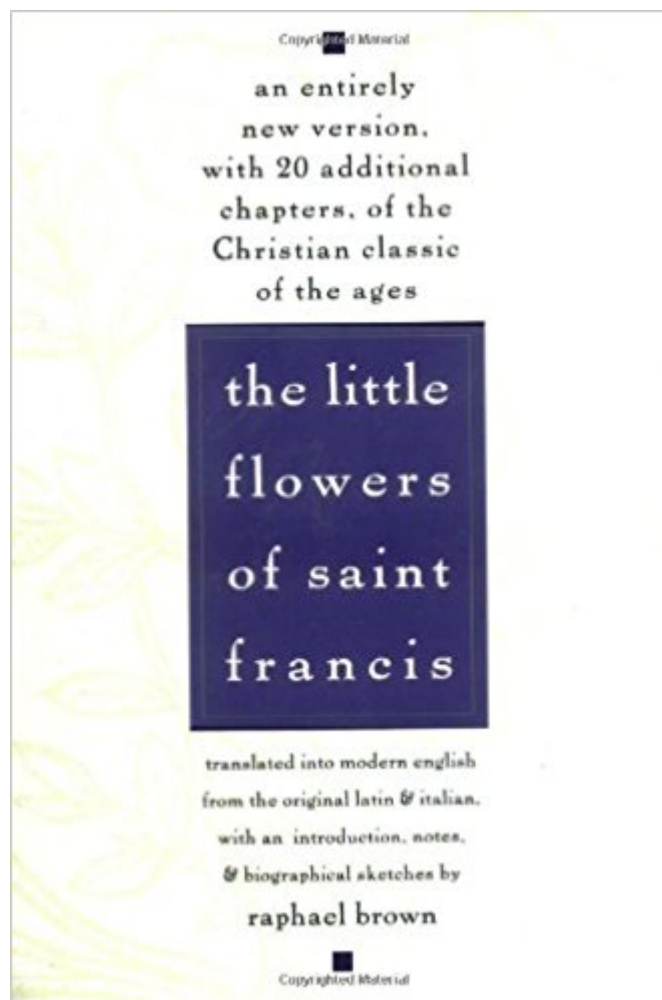


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When I was in the Army 55 years ago, I was first introduced to this book by a fellow soldier who lent me a copy. At the time, I was 20 years old and not yet a Catholic, but I immediately took to the book and loved it. When I found it here on , I welcomed the opportunity to acquire and re-read it. If you have any interest in St. Francis, you too will probably love this book. My interest has been lifelong.

I never knew the Franciscan order could be a treasure chest of wisdom. The sayings of Brother Giles moved me and made contemplate (again) on what it means to be a servant of God. If you're down and out, then pick up and read one of the many short testimonies to cheer you up.

I find this version much easier to read because of its plain language than the other one I purchased. We are using it for a summer reading for our churches online summer blog. Also note, I purchased 3 copies for myself and two other participants. I find St. Francis and his Order of Friars to be far more spiritual than I imagine I would ever be. However, I do modify by staying in touch with the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through daily spiritual readings and participating in a prayer chain, which I have seen results of prayer for others. I believe in having a generous heart, too.

St. Francis is a wonderful, wonderful saint. He's inspiring and thought-provoking, and this book really showed some examples of just how amazing of a saint he is. This book teaches you confidence in God, resistance to sin and the devil, how to love God more and how "more" will never be enough. I loved the shortness of each story. You could easily read one per day, and then reflect on it that entire day. I think my favorite story in this book is the one about Brother Juniper, telling the beggar that he couldn't give him his habit, but if he took it off his back he wouldn't complain. All-in-all, definitely worth the read. God bless.

I don't consider the Little Flowers of St. Francis a history book nor is it fiction, rather the book contains stories that plant flowers in one's heart that continue to grow after you've read them, like "What is Joy" or John of Alverna encountering Jesus in the woods. I read these stories to my children as they were growing up in the hope that the seed would sprout and become. They loved them. I also give this book regularly as a gift, and I know why. Naturally, you have to know to whom

you're giving it. Thus far, I've only heard praises for the book. Enjoy the Little Flowers. They're meant to bloom in hearts.

Though minimally historically based, this collection of stories about St. Francis is edifying and delightful. In fact, I enjoy these more than the more historical biographies that are out. Thanks!

I recently began to search for everything written about St. Francis. This is far the best available to understand him and discover his life in truth. I compared it with written biographies and it holds all that is needed to know. It is written in a clear, simple language that is very enjoyable.

I had read two books which also related stories about St. Francis and his chosen ones. This translation was the most complete. Plenty of food for thought here, especially for those who treasure St. Francis.

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