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A personal retreat based on St. Therese of Lisieux. A wondrous distillation of the teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux on God's love and on confidence in Him; on humility, peace, and charity; on the Cross; and on abandonment to Providence. Learn to rest in God amid troubles, living joyfully with Him always.

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Anne says

This is one of my favorite spiritual reads. It's beautiful. Be warned that it will take you a long time to finish since you can sit for a long time with every single sentence.

Kerri says

The most life changing book ever read. Spiritual books, especially those which journey through a personal retreat, are often times too scary to pick up merely because they are feared uncomprehendable. This book is anything but. it is extremely easy to read, very inspirational, and an amazing and lovely take on the teachings of one of the most beautiful saints.

i recommend this book to anyone looking or searching for meaning or purpose. in a few short weeks of reading this i can honestly say i felt a change in my whole person.

Paul Burdett says

This is an awesome book, it distills down her Little Way in such a humble digestible manner, loved it...

Mandy says

There is so much to learn from St. Therese! I loved the reflections that the author wrote based on the life of this beloved saint. This is on my top ten favorite books list :)

Christine says

This is a fantastic spiritual read.

For too long I had relegated St. Therese as an overly sentimental young girl; childish. This despite her status as Doctor of the Church.

This books - by the grace of the Holy Spirit, of course - taught me so see differently.

In his "conferences" (chapters) Elbee makes St. Therese of Lisieux accessible to all of us; even those of us with excessively hard hearts who tend to be too deaf and daft to hear. I read the book slowly, meditating on it. It was a pre-Lenten read for me and so was perfect as an introduction for me to read the great saint in her

own words, The Story of a Soul.

Michele says

This book is truly inspiring - a must read!

??v?? ςαvα says

Quite excellent work and spiritual journey...

Erin Montgomery says

I want to read this book over and over again for the rest of my life. What a beautiful account of the Love that lives within each of us.

djt says

St. Therese, as always, in "I Believe In Love" puts into very simple words the most profound thoughts about God, about spirituality, about the importance of putting love first in our lives, even for those we disagree with, and especially for those who have harmed, or offended us in any way. One of the most simple, yet powerful, works of spiritual direction.

Audrey says

Excellent book that I cannot recommend highly enough. Emphasizing complete confidence in the mercy of God and total abandonment to divine providence in daily life, this book is truly a life-changing read. One of the elements that made it most resonate with me was the gentle presentation, conveying the beauty of these truths in a way that is as hope-filled and approachable as it is challenging and inspiring. I read this over two months, just a few pages at a time, because it is so rich and impactful. It is one of those books that I think I need to read on a continuous loop.

Jeanette says

Ahhh I finally finished this book! I've been reading it for a year now. It is SOOO good. I could reread it continuously and be enlightened every time. It took me a long time because it wasn't the kind of book that I wanted to read cover to cover and then move on from...I've been digesting it slowly. There is so much wisdom in it, I know I'll just have to keep rereading it to really let the lessons sink in.

Adam says

A friend loaned Fr. d'Elbee's treasure of a book to me as an introduction to the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux. This book presents ten retreat conferences based loosely on the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux, and to a lesser extent, of St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, and St. Francis de Sales. Depending on your reading pace, each chapter / conference can be read in about 30 minutes to an hour with some care and reflection. I'd recommend reading one chapter at a time and in a single sitting, and then allowing a reasonable break to let the teachings and insights of the conference seek in. Even with this approach, the book is readable in the space of a weekend without rushing too drastically. Fr. d'Elbee's work is perfect for self-directed retreats, or could be taken with you on a weekend retreat, though if you are attending a preached retreat, this book and your other retreat conferences might be a bit much to absorb in one weekend.

The conferences are more in the character of meditations than scholarly discourses, but they hit a deep vein of truth and are well written. Though this is a book to be read with the heart, the conferences have enough intellectual heft to satisfy those who take a more intellectual approach to faith and spiritual study.

Leon Jose says

A great and powerful book. It was recommended to me by my best friend Dcn. McNulty. Thank you Lord for St. Therese

Catherine says

This books brings you through a very interesting journey of your relationship with Christ. It is insightful, practical, very interesting on certain topics like abandonment, God's Mercy and Love. It is terribly easy to read and very applicable to everyday life. Defintely worth a read and as it says, it's worth reading in a couple of days like during a retreat. You get the most out of it that way.

Mark says

What an encouraging book! This was another one of those cases where God seems to bring me to exactly the book I need at exactly the time I need it.
