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Lino's first book, *Sinner*, was full of stories—honest, humorous, bold, poignant—illustrating why he deserved that title. This new book takes another approach, another angle: why Lino is on his way to sainthood. Often hilarious, but always with a point, *Saint* focuses on God's grace in Lino's life and shows how even a sinner like him can look forward to being a saint. As Lino himself puts it: "Instead of stories of small triumphs and many failures, this is a book to encourage you in your own triumphs. To realize you might not be as big a sinner as you think. And that with God's help, you might just become a saint." Picking up where *Sinner* left off, *Saint* points the way to our end goal—holiness and sainthood—and does so in a way that entertains as well as inspires.

The audio edition of this book can be downloaded via Audible.

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Wendy says

A personal, funny, autobiographical, take on how even though we all fail and have weaknesses we all have it in us to become what God wants. One of my favorite quotes from the book is this: "A saint isn't someone who has never been tested; a saint is a person who has been tested and, with God's help, has passed or, with God's help, has gotten up the next morning and tried again."

K says

Never a dull moment!

Jaime K says

I was torn between giving this 4 and 5 stars. However, some of it was a little tough to get through and I dragged a slight bit through some of the stories unlike with *Sinner*.

I don't know if "drag" is the right word, but Lino's writing in this book is more raw, harsher, and overall more cutting than in his previous novel. The five star would be because he explains intimate details about himself that aren't even as bad as some saints. It's not like he ever killed anyone like Saint Paul did.

I also truly enjoyed the fact that he put in his man journal entry from Pope John Paul II's funeral. The pictures made the passage more moving. I almost started crying just reading it.

What knocked it down was the language (not that there's anything REALLY inappropriate, but he talks like a regular person and you don't always expect to see that in a Catholic book. His publisher and editor censored less in this book than in *Sinner*) and the fact that the stories overall didn't flow very well.

I laughed, but not as much as in *Sinner*.

I'm not going to kidnap Lino's material like he was once wont to do, and state exactly where my two favourite quotes were from ;):

"A saint is someone who takes whatever glimpses of God he or she gets and then builds on those every day."
– page 16

"This is why the Church survives [...]. Because the Holy Spirit is filled with surprises." – page 166

R says

I liked the first few chapters in whole, then parts of the rest, till finally I just wanted to finish the book. Not my kind of reading in the end. I really wanted to like the book, but I guess if we all liked everything the world would be boring.

P.S. I believe a Pope DID give "shelter to the poor". During WWII refugees were hidden in Vatican safety. (I say this as a point for sainthood was that no pope gave his house...but maybe I misunderstood the author here.) :-)

Barb says

You don't have to be a listener to Lino Rulli's show on Sirius/XM radio ("The Catholic Guy") to enjoy this book. While many of the stories may be familiar to this show's audience, the book gives Rulli room to bring home important points about how we are all called to be saints--and how we can get there. It's hilarious, filled with the self-deprecating humor that makes Rulli even more appealing as a comic than Rodney Dangerfield, perhaps because Rulli acknowledges his own need for grace. My favorite chapter (15) spoke of holidays in a huge extended family. SO funny. Read it for the laughs, and for the wisdom. There's no reason the two can't go together.

Sarah says

I love how honest Lino is. That's what has kept me a fan. Listening to him on The Catholic Guy show brought me back to the church several years ago. And now his books reminds me that I'm not alone in my struggle to be a better person and a better Catholic. Now when's the next book coming out?

Shannon says

10/13: Marc told me about this one. Reading at prayer time and Adoration. It's fun, and he does sneak in some good devotional thoughts along the way. ;-)

Amazon Book Description:

If you've been waiting for a saint that cries like a schoolgirl, was once an aspiring rapper, is a really good kisser, and rode an elephant in the circus...then your prayers have been answered!

Lino Rulli is hilarious, brutally honest, and ready for his canonization. Saint picks up where Sinner left off. Lino's stories of triumph and failure suggest that you might not be as big a sinner as you think. And that, with God's grace, you might just become a saint.

Christy says

Mr. Rulli is a very talented author. He has the unique ability to take a subject like religion and make it fun and very entertaining. Most importantly, he is able to use funny stories to make me feel better about myself. I often feel unconnected to my Catholic faith because I feel that I am not good enough, not doing it right, or just not deserving. Lino Rulli shows the reader that everyone sometimes has these doubts, and that is ok, but to carry on. Thanks for the laugh out loud moments in this book, and for the bigger message.

J says

The sequel to his earlier memoir "Sinner"; this book has more stories about his life.

The humor and church teaching are more subtle in this book. His tone is a bit serious and it feels like a deeper look at life. One story he shares is about the suicide of his college roommate and guilt over not being able to prevent it.

I cried during his first hand account from Rome of Pope John Paul II's death. I remember experiencing that in the States so clearly.

Not crazy about his casual drug use. :-/ In one story, he admits to previously using weed, acid and mushrooms without much remorse.

Loved the first half, but the second half was a slow read for me.

Mike says

A fun and entertaining look at trying to live a spiritual life in a modern world

Karyn Yager says

Lino Rulli's follow-up to his book Sinner has similar anecdotes from Lino's life that lead to a reflection on faith and living the Christian life. However, I have to say, I liked Sinner more.

Liz says

Easily in my top 5 favorite books. I laughed, I cried, I prayed - SO good. Lino's radio show is both hysterical and heartfelt, and I expected nothing different from both "Sinner" and "Saint." Highly recommended.

Karen Lessnau says

Lino is funny...but at times a bit irreverent. I did appreciate his candidness about how tough it can be to follow in His footsteps.

