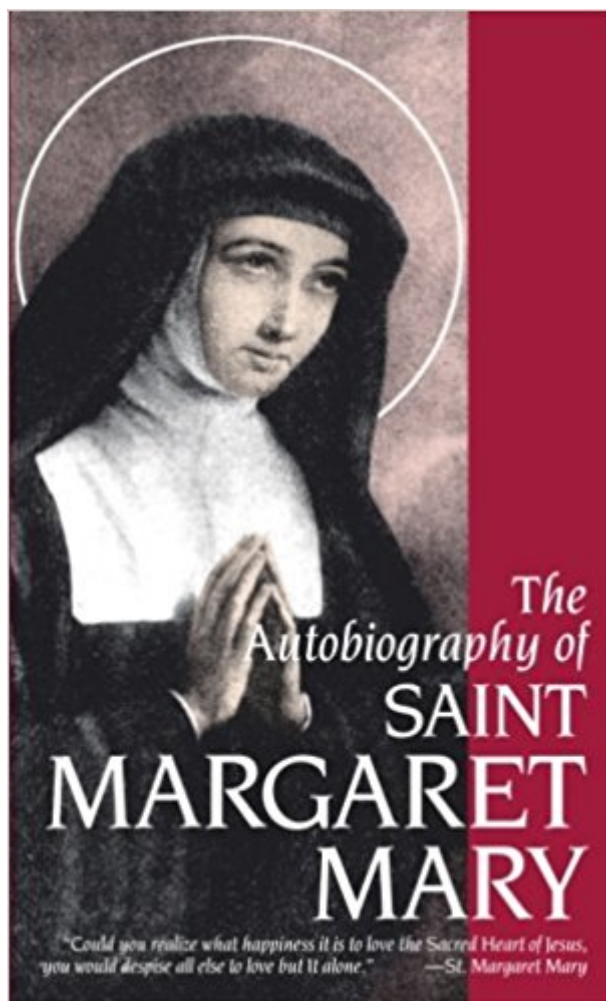


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The Autobiography Of Saint Margaret Mary



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Intimate insights from the saint to whom Our Lord gave the Sacred Heart revelations. Includes Our Lord's own words to her and tells how she sought out suffering for the love for God. A very famous book and one of only six saint's autobiographies in existence.

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Customer Reviews

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born Marguerite Marie Alacoque at Lhautecour, France, in 1647. Even as a young child, she preferred prayer and silence to ordinary recreation, possessing a great love for the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. A mystic, she also experienced visions of our Lord while still young, and took her religious habit in 1671. Subsequently, she began receiving revelations of our Lord's Sacred Heart, and published an autobiography out of obedience to her superiors. St. Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920.

As an average person who is not Catholic, it was astounding to read this account of a saint's life like Margaret Mary. I was alternately fascinated and repelled by her extreme degree of suffering and self-sacrifice as proofs of love and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ (or so she believes). I don't pretend to understand her pain and passion, but I appreciate the opportunity to broaden my own awareness of the power of faith, whatever the belief system may be. I'm also grateful that this intimate, first-person narrative was preserved and has come down to us some centuries later. She certainly lived in a different time and place, and her story holds great interest and questions for those on the spiritual path.

I really enjoyed reading this book on a wonderful Saint. This book is well written and easy to read. The book contains one picture of the Saint on the first page as well as on the cover of the book. The book gives details of her interactions with Our Lord and of her continual suffering whilst she was in the convent. Her all-consuming love of God compelled her to embrace whatever suffering she could find. I thought she was a truly remarkable woman. This autobiography was written under holy obedience to her superiors. It reveals an intimate spiritual life of the Saint to whom Our Lord gave so many revelations regarding the love of His Sacred Heart. Our Lord Himself taught St. Margaret Mary the ways of this divine love and guided her from her earliest childhood. He also made her realise the requirements of a close and personal relationship with the all-pure God. St. Margaret Mary often quotes the words of Our Lord to her, showing, for example, how He cannot tolerate the slightest fault. He also revealed to her the absolute sanctity of His love. It is such a shame that the autobiography ends 4 years before the Saint's holy death. This was because the Rev. Father Rolin, S.J., left Paray in the autumn of 1686, without having ordered St. Margaret Mary to continue with her memoir. I suspect that subsequent wonderful revelations occurred but were never recorded. The Saint herself never wanted to write down her experiences at all so we should be very thankful that we have this treasure to enjoy. The book contains some prayers at the end as well as a Novena in honour of St. Margaret Mary. It also contains two litanies, one devoted to the Saint.

I've never written a review before, but this book was so incredible that I was compelled to do so. Simply put, this book changed my life. Reading this saint's life taught me how to love God, and how to suffer. It's tremendously inspiring. Yes, it is a bit hard to read, simply because she's so holy that it's difficult to understand her at times. It's not a meticulously well-laid out treatise on the spiritual life; it's St. Margaret Mary telling her life. But there is much to glean--imitation would do anyone well in this case. As one of the prayers at the end of the book says, we can follow this saint, although we will probably be following far behind. Anyone serious about deepening their spiritual life should give this a read. It's worth its weight in gold!

This Saint, through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will change your life if you read this book prayerfully and have an open heart for Him to come into your heart in a deeper way. I'm blown away by how my spiritual life has deepened and the joy that is in my heart, no matter the circumstances. I have had my home consecrated to the Sacred Heart and have started to pray the Holy Hour (11-12pm) Thursday nights. Wow! this is an amazing role model Saint. Realising how His heart is broken by the

millions that don't want to know Him is the biggest tragedy of our times.

As a society we are very busy telling God what He would or wouldn't do. For that reason this book might be challenging, in a good way. We have been deceived into believing that God has placed the bar of our spiritual lives very low. Saint Margaret Mary didn't fall into that heresy, and this book reminds us that neither should we. A wonderful book of a lovers heart for the one that she Loves. Beautiful!!

joyful and most wonderful words from such a most beautiful soul of a Saint and Servant Of GOD to be enveloped

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This book is a bit hard to read, but it is very good. She lived in the 1600's so you have to get used to the times she lived being a little different. Her faith is amazing.

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