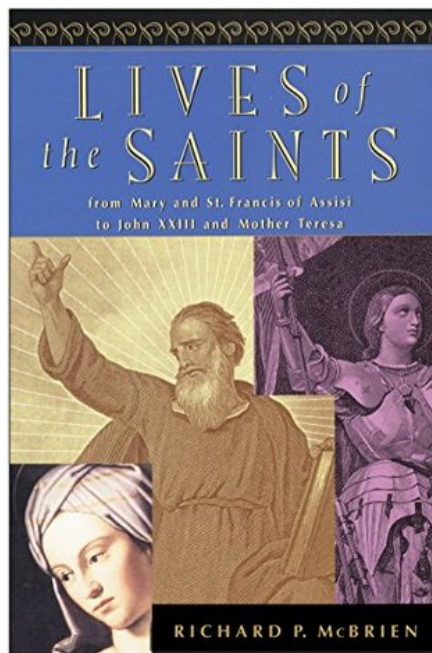




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Keith Beasley-Topliffe says

For the last several years, I have read a "saint of the day" book during my daily devotions. This is the one I read from Nov 1, 2016 to Oct 31, 2017. (The extra days in the reading time are for introductory and concluding essays.) McBrien's collection has had the longest biographies as well as often including several "bonus" saints with short bios on some days. He draws primarily from the Roman Catholic saints, but also references Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran (ELCA) calendars of saints on occasion. He seems to have made a special effort to lift up many types of saints, not just founders, missionaries, and preachers. The introductory and concluding essays were less helpful than the actual biographies and also very repetitive. In particular the essays on "Saints and Spiritualities" and "Saints and the Church" lifted up pretty much the same subset of saints with similar comments, sorted in three different ways (plus a concluding "Top 20" list that was pretty predictable from what had gone before).

Note: Goodreads only lists two ebook editions, dated 2015. What I have is a hardcover book with the same cover design from 2001 which was being remaindered when I bought it. I don't know whether there were any updates in the newer editions, e.g., folks who have been canonized in the last 15 years.

Min says

A unique collection of saints from several Christian traditions, as well as adding those not yet recognized as saints, including a few of those outside of Christianity.

Placing the saints in historical context with a timeline by century of the major events. Following this with an exploration of perspectives on sanctity, its expression, and the Roman Catholic process of canonization. The body of the work is a calendar format based on feast, or death dates with impressive biographies, and historical notes for the major saints. The lesser-known given little attention beyond a sentence. Tables at the back of the book follow typical classifications of saints by patronage, and emblems for quick reference. Closing with a meaty set of notes, a glossary, index, and bibliography that offers several sources to learn about individual saints.

This hardcover is a nice reference source to take a deeper step into the world of saints; especially for its list for further reading so one may explore deeper still into these special lives.
