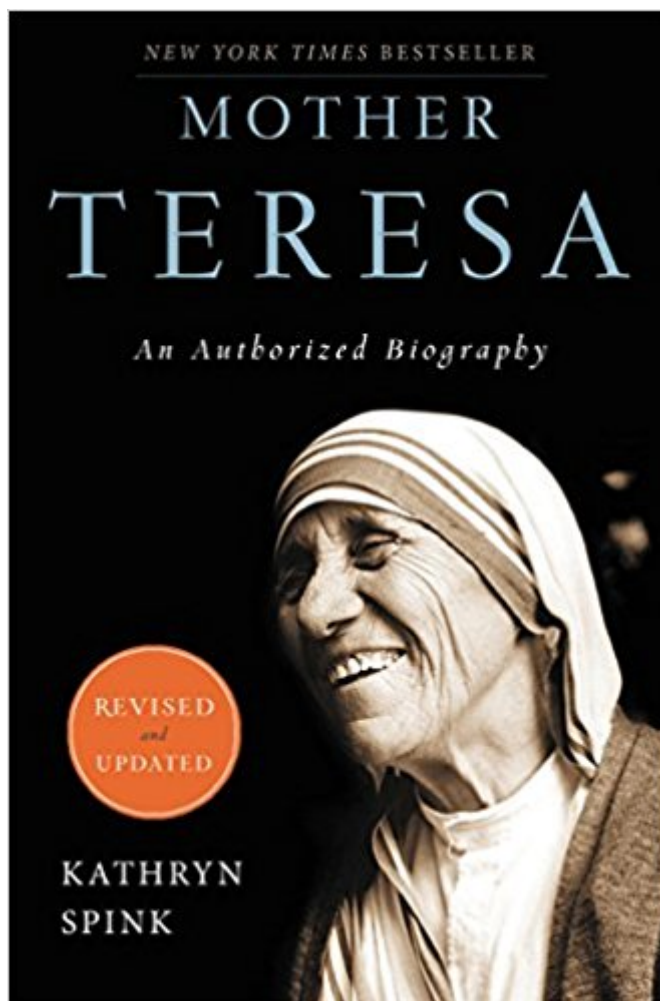


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# Mother Teresa (Revised Edition): An Authorized Biography



## Synopsis

Many have called her a saint. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and India's highest civilian honor, the Jewel of India, in 1980. Pope John Paul II declared her "Blessed," and beatified her in 2003. For nearly fifty years at the head of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity, the Albanian-born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, better known as Mother Teresa, advocated for the poor and homeless, ministered to the sick, provided hospice for the afflicted, and embodied the very essence of humanitarianism. Now, revised and updated, Kathryn Spink's definitive, authorized biography is "simply the best . . . around," according to James Martin, SJ, author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. "Thoroughly researched, sensitively written and unfailingly inspiring, Kathryn Spink's book should be, after Mother Teresa's own writings, your first resource for understanding one of the greatest saints in Christian history."

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## Customer Reviews

For years Mother Teresa has appeared at the top of every list of the world's most influential women, in company with Diana, Princess of Wales, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Different in almost every respect from those famous women, she did share one important quality: she was a star. In *Mother Teresa*, biographer Kathryn Spink goes beyond her subject's public persona to examine the life of a modern-day saint. In the course of tracing Mother Teresa's life--from her birth in Albania to her years in Ireland and then India with the Loreto Sisters to the founding of her own order, the Missionaries of Charity--Spink explores the ramifications of her subject's life and work on the lives of those she labored for and with. Mother Teresa's frail appearance belied the steely will and

public-relations savvy she brought to the task of loosening potential donor's purse strings and attracting attention to her cause. Was Mother Teresa a kind of spiritual colonialist, as critics have charged, more interested in helping the poor die in a state of grace than in changing the conditions in which they lived? Spink discusses this and other thorny questions with grace and honesty, at the same time emphasizing her subject's admirable achievements. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I've read most of the biographies on her and consider this one the best by far. It is thorough, sensitive, with many details not found in others. More than well worth the read!

I led a book group discussion of this inspiring biography. I'm not Catholic, but as a Christian and a human being, I was moved to look more for miracles and to serve more by reading about Mother Teresa in this well-written book. Also, I read the previous edition of this book a few years ago and I was pleased and mostly satisfied with the updates addressing criticism and other post-humous info on Mother Teresa, sainthood, etc.

I love Mother Teresa and this book is the very best one that I have read. I have read some wonderful books about her but I really do like this one the best.

Disappointed. I purchased the book, due to it was suppose to have been new. The pages were yellowed, as in an old look. The front cover over the hardback book was wrinkled at the top and the back cover had something dried on it, like someone's hands were dirty. I took a wet cloth over it and it came off. Bought the book for a gift, hope they understand. I kept the book, but should have returned it! Can't rate my purchase!

A very well written book about the life and works of a woman that many either don't understand or haven't taken the time to understand. The author does a wonderful job of detailing her life and the

very reasons she lived for! One can't help but respect the sacrifices she made for the poorest of the world's poor! I highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to know more about one of the greatest women of the 20th Century!

I didn't finish it. I bought it because of my admiration for Mother Teresa and that hasn't lessened certainly. But it seems that the fact is she just helped people 24/7 without having a thought of seeking recognition. It was clear from the beginning that she didn't want a book written about her and it seemed the author struggled to fill the pages.

This was an interesting book if all you wanted to know was what Mother Teresa did for building helpful Christian communities around the world. It also gave the reader information about the important people she met and how involved she was in achieving some changes in the Catholic Church's involvement with helping the "poorest of the poor." What wasn't in the book was the information about who this woman really was.. What made her decide to become a nun? What did the warring environment of her country have on her decisions? How did she feel about her experiences with these poor people that she served? I wanted to know the "MOTHER" in a more intimate way. In the end it is evident that she loved Jesus and served him well. She deserves the tributes that she received.

She was a dynamo of a human who did NOT have an easy road yet she accomplished so much. You will find out how she endured behind the scenes -- there were challenges that she didn't deserve but these hurdles never stopped her faith-filled journey and razor focus on helping others who had no one else!

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