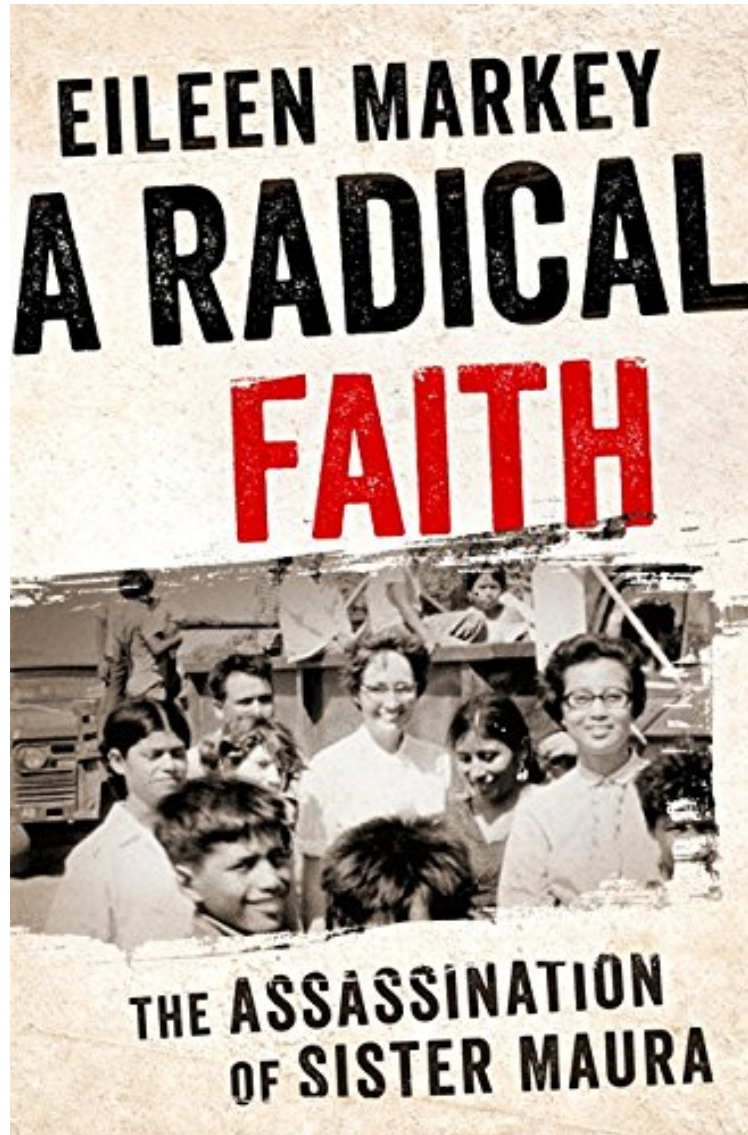


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The Power of Divine InspirationBy CustomerI was invited to an event at which the author was speaking about this book. I feel blessed that I was given the opportunity to read a book I might otherwise never have known about. This is a story about the power of a faith that overcomes all fear, all doubt. The author has done a magnificent job of bringing Sister Maura to life through her meticulous research, her own faith,

and her obvious admiration for her subject. This book gave me, a non-Catholic, insight into the development of the young Maura Clarke into the deeply devoted Sister Maura. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. ... with a strong desire to make the world a better place by being present to people the world seemed ...By CustomerA Radical Faith captures the spirit of Sister Maura Clarke as a woman with a strong desire to make the world a better place by being present to people the world seemed to ignore. Eileen Markey's detailed writing places us side-by-side with Maura on her journey from New York to Nicaragua and finally to El Salvador. After a bit of a slow start, the book quickly picks up steam as it describes the missionary work of Sister Maura and even though we know the tragic end to her well-lived life, A Radical Faith has us hoping against hope that events will somehow turn out differently. The book also frames Maura's life and work within the larger shifts in American foreign policy and the US Catholic church, opening our eyes to all the factors that led to the murder of the churchwomen and so many others in El Salvador. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. I am very impressed with the research done by Eileen ...By CustomerI am very impressed with the research done by Eileen Markey on this and the sensitivity by which she narrated the events mentioned. I am also humbled to see my picture with Sister Maura Clarke on the cover which was taken in Managua, Nicaragua surrounded by the victims of the earthquake there in 1971.

On a hot and dusty December day in 1980, the bodies of four American women—three of them Catholic nuns—were pulled from a hastily dug grave in a field outside San Salvador. They had been murdered two nights before by the US-trained El Salvadoran military. News of the killing shocked the American public and set off a decade of debate over Cold War policy in Latin America. The women themselves became symbols and martyrs, shorn of context and background. In A Radical Faith, journalist Eileen Markey breathes life back into one of these women, Sister Maura Clarke. Who was this woman in the dirt? What led her to this vicious death so far from home? Maura was raised in a tight-knit Irish immigrant community in Queens, New York, during World War II. She became a missionary as a means to a life outside her small, orderly world and by the 1970s was organizing and marching for liberation alongside the poor of Nicaragua and El Salvador. Maura's story offers a window into the evolution of postwar Catholicism: from an inward-looking, protective institution in the 1950s to a community of people grappling with what it meant to live with purpose in a shockingly violent world. At its heart, A Radical Faith is an intimate portrait of one woman's spiritual and political transformation and her courageous devotion to justice.

In death, Maryknoll Sister Maura Clarke became known as a symbol of the brutality of El Salvador's pitiless conflict in the 1980s. In this rare and beautiful book, Eileen Markey brings Maura to life. From her childhood in a tightly knit Irish Catholic neighborhood to her departure for Nicaragua in 1959 and subsequent murder in El Salvador, Maura's life became interwoven with the tumultuous history of Cold War Central America. Drawing on personal correspondence and extensive interviews, Markey skillfully evokes the transformation of the Catholic Church during those turbulent decades, crafting a searing testament to the meaning of faith amidst the hard choices imposed by desperate circumstances. Cynthia Arnson, Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars A Radical Faith brings excitement, tension, and compassion to an overlooked story Rich details and solid storytelling convey one nun's story of her dedication to God and her fellow humans. "Kirkus s" I've always believed that responsibility, honesty, and faith are the three pillars of a strong character. Sister Maura Clarke, who recognized the humanity in everyone she met from schoolchildren in the Bronx to farmers in Nicaragua lived a life that served as a testament to that strength. Eileen Markey's beautifully told narrative reminds us of Maura's courage in the face of brutal dictators and shocking suffering. It's an important story that has been forgotten for too long, and Markey's book returns Maura to her deserved place in history. Martin Sheen A beautifully rendered account of a true radical hero. Markey's important book is a loving testament to their life and work. Greg Grandin, author of The Empire of Necessity A vivid (if maddening) reminder of how the United States sold its moral credibility. Charles P. Pierce, Esquire Who was this woman in the dirt? In life, she was selfless. In death, she is boundless. Eileen Markey's patient, compassionate biography places Sister Maura Clarke in the firmament of Latin American icons. Ilan Stavans, Lewis-Sebring Professor in Latin American and Latino Culture, Amherst, and author of Latino USA