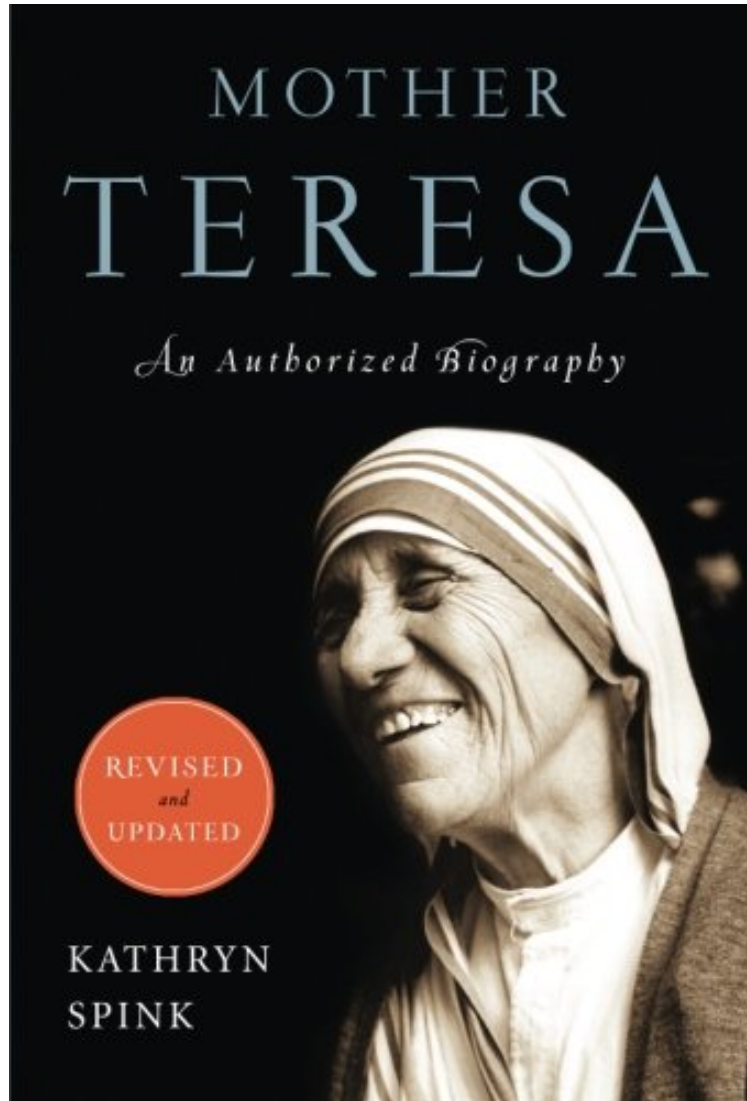


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Many have called her a saint. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and India's highest civilian honor, the Jewel of India, in 1980. Pope John Paul II declared her Blessed, beatifying her in 2003. For nearly fifty years at the head of Calcutta's Missionaries 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."

.com 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. Simply the best biography of Mother Teresa around. 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. (James Martin, SJ, author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* and *My Life with the Saints*) From the Back Cover Mother Teresa of Calcutta was the founder of the Missionaries of Charity and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, but her story is so much more remarkable. From her childhood in the Balkans to her work in India, from attending the victims of war-torn Beirut to pleading with George Bush and Saddam Hussein to choose peace over war, Mother Teresa was driven by a mighty faith. Newly revised and updated, this edition includes a personal insight into the beatification and continuing process of canonization for Mother Teresa, the ongoing work of the Missionaries of Charity, and her dark night of the soul. Mother Teresa consistently claimed that she was simply responding to Christ's boundless love for her and for all of humanity, bringing to the world a great lesson in joyful and selfless love. This book is a glimpse into her extraordinary faith, work, and life.