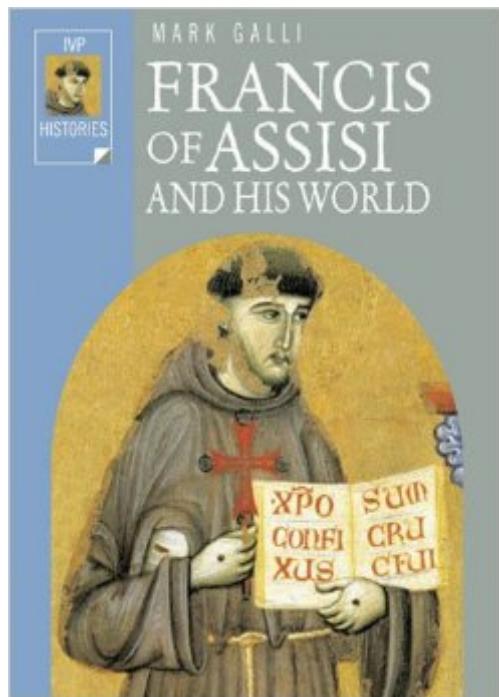


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Mark Galli has written an accessible but intelligent biography of Francis of Assisi. The life of Francis is told in a very engaging format that reads like a story, rather than an academic exercise. However, he includes a great deal of explanatory sidenotes to provide some of the cultural and historical background to allow that story to make sense. There is a lot of artwork included throughout, which integrates interesting images within the text. As the sure sign of a good biography, I finished the book feeling as if I really understood who Francis was and what his life meant, not only to his contemporaries, but to the broader story of the Church. I would recommend Galli's work to anyone interested in learning more about this great man of the faith.

This text was required for a college class I'm taking but I must say how surprised I am by it. The story is easy to read, the pages are glossy and colorful, and I find myself easily understanding a story I thought I would struggle to comprehend. There are notes and sidebars that enhance the actual story itself and I find those additions beneficial to the overall text and the story as well. This author makes a story from centuries ago easy to understand and relatable and it actually makes me interested in a life story that I didn't think I had any interest in learning about. I also find this to be an easy read and I'd be able to read it even if it wasn't a required class text. I'd recommend it to people in college and those who are not - expand your mind and enjoy the story.

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this is a capable if somewhat uninspired book about St Francis. there are many striking medieval illustrations included in the book which is good. Overall this is a pretty good concise biography.

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