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Littlest Suffering Souls: Children Whose Short Lives Point Us To Christ



Synopsis

It is said that children learn what they live. But children also teach the adults in their lives lessons on subjects such as unconditional love, self-sacrifice, self-forgetfulness, patience and more. The ordinary way an adult learns these things from his or her children is by caring for them.Â Every parent knows that. But some extraordinary children seem sent by God to teach us about the big questions such as life, death, suffering, and the existence of God. The children in this book, all of whom suffered terribly during their short lives, bore witness to God's love and an understanding of the meaning of suffering and what to do with it that belied their years. And their teaching was not limited to their immediate family: Everyone with whom they came into contact, from doctors and nurses, to major political figures and popes to family friends and other children, was profoundly affected by the encounter. This book will make you cry, yes, but the tears will be mixed with something akin to joy at the beauty of the short lives of Brendan, Margaret, and Audrey, and awe at the grace and dignity with which they bore their crosses, lived and enjoyed this life, and ultimately left it to be with the God they all loved. In this time in which there is so much despair and sadness, and in this world in which we are so frequently reminded that it can truly be a vale of tears, let the Littlest Suffering Souls remind you that this present life is not all there is; let the Littlest Suffering Souls point you to heaven and to Christ.

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Customer Reviews

This is an incredibly moving book about the incomprehensible value of life and love as manifested in the lives of three children. These brave children not only accepted suffering and even death, they

lived their faith in Christ and gently drew many more to Him. You will need to have a box of tissues at hand; even the hardest heart will melt. This is the one book that I would give to those who question the value of human suffering and - or - the existence of God Himself. I would pray that they would read this book and have their hearts changed forever.

Reading the stories of these children really makes you look in awe of their perseverance, strength, love, and holiness. Wow! The only reason I rated it 3 is the writing isn't the best. It was a bit choppy and repetitive at times. But it's worth reading to here these sweet souls stories.

Such a beautiful book. Catholics will recognize immediately what it means to "offer it up". The stunning thing is how these young children understood instinctively. These children, or should I say, these tiny saints were blessed with supernatural understanding of Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother. They will inspire and humble you and, I dare say, after reading their stories, you will think twice before you ever complain about any small (or large) aggravations. Their stories remain with you. I find myself thinking of these children late at night when unable to sleep. Their stories are extraordinary and their ability to put aside their tremendous suffering will haunt, but in a most beautiful way. Do yourself a favor, read the book, you can't put it down, and it will bless you in more ways than you can imagine.

Excellent, uplifting reading! Very thought-provoking and helpful for anyone suffering, whether physically or emotionally. Offers a unique look into how valuable every life is, no matter what society may believe.

Very timely message which gives clarity about the richness of The Catholic Faith's understanding towards suffering. When we enter His Suffering by offering our suffering to be joined with Him in His Perpetual Suffering, we also participate in His Resurrection by dying to ourselves and become onewith Him both now and in the life to come.

An inspiring book. Reading Little Suffering Souls causes us adults to reevaluate our lives. If these young souls can grow in their faithfulness to God under such difficult conditions why are we so easily discouraged when we face far lesser challenges in our ordinary lives?

Great stories about the value of suffering.

This is an important little biography about little souls for our time goes into the meaning of the suffering of innocence and work of Christ it continues in the world suffering innocence showing that suffering is part of God missing will.

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