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Logan says

While the major events in the life of Athanasius are presented, the reader should note that this book is more historical fiction than a true biography. It is probably not necessary to state this, as it will be evident upon reading the first few pages, what with their too-good-to-be-true tale of the boy Athanasius running around the streets of Alexandria, pretending to be the bishop as he play baptizes his companions pretending to be the catechumens, with the aged Patriarch Alexander looking on in portending gaze.

For what it's worth, though, it is a quick and easy read for anyone who wants to get to know Athanasius of Alexandria better.

Mariah H says

Very well written, interesting and informing.

Leslie A. Baker says

Great book

This book is a must for anyone wanting to learn about their Catholic faith. It is very informative and tells the story very well. It is the perfect book for people wanting to know about the Arian heresy or the beginnings of the Nicene creed.

Lisa Cline says

I love this book. It is easy to read and packed with soul stirring info. I believe that should be required reading for every Christian. Without his obedience who knows what lies would of seeped in.

C. R. Perkins says

Great book! The tone is that of a historical-narrative, almost as if one is reading the pages of a LOTR novel. Father Athanasius was a brilliant man, and every Christian is indebted to him in defending the holiness and truth of the Trinity against the heresiarch Arius.

Jo says

A short but inspiring account of the life of Athanasius. I knew something of his life before reading this, now the story has been fleshed out. This is written in an accessible style and also provides helpful context about the Arian heresy and the origins of the Nicene Creed. A great summary of Athanasius' character and witness is found at the end of the book: "He was a living example of the truth that a man may be large-minded and yet strong; that he may hate error, yet love the erring - stand like a rock against heresy, yet be full of compassion for heretics".

Jose A. Rivera says

Gran biografía

Un libro breve pero sustancioso. Perfecto para todo aquel que necesita un cuadro inmediato de este gran líder de la Iglesia.

Mark Nenadov says

A biography of Athanasius of Alexandria, a theologian from the 3rd century. I can't vouch for the author's reliability or the accuracy of this particular work, but I found it an enjoyable and engaging read.

Tim says

A little one-dimensional, but a good timeline of St. Athanasius's life, times, and challenges.

Msadventure says

Very typical writing for the age in which it was written but a good general overview of Anthanasius' life.

David Harris says

This is a short biography about Athanasius of Alexandria, a 4th century Egyptian bishop famous for his articulation and defense of the deity of Christ. His resolve to cling to this doctrine no matter the cost, his peace in the face of persecution, his sharp mind, and his love for the people of Aelxandria make for a great and even inspirational story.

The book also shows the serious error of marrying church and state. The early 4th century churches, exasperated from pagan-rule persecution, were desperate accepted Constantine as Christian and tied in state approval with church authority. This is what gave us the Council of Nicea (at which the young Athanasius,

not even a bishop, made his famous debut). Although we are grateful for the articulation of Jesus' divinity found in the resulting creed, it is unfortunate that it was a council presided over by an emperor. The results were predictable. If you use an impressionable emperor to enforce good theology, someone else will use him to enforce bad theology. This is not pointed out in the book, because it is written from a Romanist perspective. Because of that, expect some goofy story lines and miracles that sound more like historical fiction than non-fiction

Another thing that I found fascinating in this book was Athanasius' reputation for evangelism. The pagan emperor Julian called him the enemy of the gods, and also said that if he stayed there, there would not be one pagan left in the whole city.

There are many things that we should not try to mimic from Athanasius' life. But one thing is certain: if we would take equal care to articulate the historic doctrines of the faith that he did in articulating Christ's deity, and if we had the same level of commitment to teach people those doctrines, and if we were willing to go through what Athanasius went through in confessing those doctrines, God's people would be greatly blessed.

"If the world is against Athanasius, then Athanasius is against the world." - Athanasius of Alexandria

Theresa says

Lovely primer on his life, but very one-sided, and would be nice to have more detail about the culture of that time for clearer context.

David Bunch says

Saint Athanasius

Clear and concise. F.A. Forbes, tells of an array of intriguing slices in the full life of St. Euthanasia. The compelling details add to arousing the reader's curiosity and continual interests. St. Athanasius fascinates those readers who are seeking the one true faith which St. Athanasius preserved. May all readers of this excellent book be blessed, now and forevermore.

Vaughn says

This account of the life of Athanasius is remarkable. It's highly readable, fast paced, and well structured. Highly recommended to anyone who wants to learn more about the history of the Nicene Creed.

Douglas says

It is a religious look at the time in Rome when many of the thoughts of the day were varying from a belief in the one true God. A picture of the one true God without a begotten Son within his being. Also all the

thoughts of the former ways of Rome and the pantheon of gods, who formerly years earlier were the staple of Roman life.

I thought that the man Athanasius is a venerable man highly to have a life worth seeking after in the front of men who took religion very lightly, though very seriously in their own way, to hold to the truth as taught by the men first next to the Christ.

It was interesting to see how the Empire at this time looked at this man and the men that surrounded him because of their beliefs and upbringing. Julian, the Apostate, a man who sought to bring the empire back under the old way of Rome before Constantine, was first a better solution for the freedom that he gave the Christians than his cousin, Constantius, who tried to destroy Athanasius at every turn for his beliefs.

The time of Arianism was truly a time to stand for the faith of Jesus Christ or a time to fall by the wayside into Heresy of the highest order, but the truly wonderful thing in this book is the way one man showed so much compassion to the very people who were weak and enemies until the end.
