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booklady says

Absorbing read. Helps you see beyond the physical realm of the here and now which is such a challenge for me as I expect it is for most of us. Everything I do, everything that happens to me can be used, has merit depending on my openness to the continuity of life beyond the grave, the fact that when we die, most of us have unfinished business.

Although there are some who endure their 'purgatory' here on earth when they don't run away from long-term illness or suffering, many these days seemingly take the 'easy' way out through euthanasia. The thought crossed my mind as I was reading this book that wise people have always known there are no easy way outs, no short cuts, no free lunches, not in this life anyway. So why should there be any on the road to Heaven? Does it make sense? If God is anything, isn't He a God of Justice? Why would He let some of His children suffer so horribly dying of cancer or some other illness, but dying naturally while others pay to end their own lives, that is, commit cold-blooded suicide just to avoid some pain which they could also pay to have eased through pain killing drugs?

Perhaps those who terminate their own lives aren't going to get off so easy after-all. Perhaps on the other side, they will discover a place where the pain *still* exists and it is a pain they cannot escape until they have gone through what they were supposed to endure... Just a thought...

Stephen says

A great little read. It explored and explained the concept of purgatory based on the reports of men and women who have had contact with the souls in torment and examined the physical evidences left behind from these visits. I expected to be frightened but was instead comforted by these stories - there might be hope for me yet!

Frances Sylliboy says

I love a book when I cannot even put down, went everywhere with it. Recommend it to family and friends..Hungry Souls is a very heavy book..brings you to reality....talks of people that passed away and coming back to the living and showing themselves that there is Purgatory, Hell and Heaven....teaches one what to do to help these poor souls..be it family or just people we do not know..speaks of a nun and her deceased dad..her dad coming back begging for prayers and mass because he was severly suffering..the daughter offers up 3 masses and lots of prayers and she eventually sees her dad again in bright light..The dad came back to thank her for her prayers...the daughter dies 6 months later at the tender age of 28..after seeing her dad she longed for the love of God....

Jane Lebak says

This was my Good Friday reading. I've read several books on Purgatory, and I'm approaching it from that angle. *Hungry Souls* is different in focus in that it deals less with the theology of Purgatory and visions of the saints while focusing on evidence. This evidence takes the form of physical objects changed by souls allowed to visit the Earth (hand prints, burn marks, etc) and testimony from both saints and non-canonized laity in the past 150 years.

Overall I think this is a pretty good addition to the library, and a good introduction to Purgatory for someone who hasn't really looked into it before.

Dawno says

When I first began reading this book, I was disheartened by the fact that there were reports of children aged less than 10 years old doing large time in Purgatory. If a child's sins kept him/her in Purgatory, what chance do I have of ever getting out of there and into heaven, because my age of 5 times, and sins of all my own years would prove that much more purification needed?

But later chapters gave hope of what I could do to help the poor souls, and gave me hope, by proving the power of prayer, fasting, and daily offerings of simple tasks for their relief. I would recommend this book to people of all faiths.

Stephanie Guillot says

Very insightful book. Urges one to always remember to pray for the souls who have died.

Bernadette says

This book was stunning. Despite being Catholic and having Purgatory as a part of my theology, I never really was able to reflect on what it was, what it would be like, or how entwined it is with the living world. I didn't even know there was a whole chapel dedicated to preserving evidence of the apparitions of souls in Purgatory; heck, I didn't even know souls in Purgatory appeared to people! This book was easy to read, spiritually powerful with every page, and full of well-sourced stories. It gave me a whole different view of Purgatory, a view that is much more hopeful and at peace if I end up there, as well as helped to strengthened my resolve to not want to go there at all. Aardweg convincingly reveals the need to pray for the souls in Purgatory and the stories he relates help to show the desperation the souls have in wanting to be free from Purgatory and united with God. I feel much more connected to my departed brothers and sisters from reading this book.

The stories which explained the apparitions acting like Hollywood ghosts was a little unnerving, but it made me recognize that people don't get these ideas for dramatizations from nowhere. There were times after I had read a chapter that I would lay down to sleep and find myself spooked! Ultimately it made me say a prayer for the souls in Purgatory and reassure them that I was praying and therefore there was no need to appear to me. I suppose that was the point.

Mike says

This was an engrossing read that also serves as a wake-up call.

We become so wrapped up in secular affairs that we frequently allow the spiritual world to be placed in the background. Our soul, God's love and our cooperation in His love do not occupy enough of our attention. This book brings the spiritual to the forefront.

The person who believes in a loving God will get a sense of how interconnected we all are.

StBenedictPressTAN says

Book Trailer: "Hungry Souls":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjn3uB...>

Our Channel (StBenedictPressTAN):

<http://www.youtube.com/StBenedictPres...>

There is a new video for everyone in preparation for All Souls' Day! This video is for Hungry Souls, one of TAN's best-selling titles, and a book spoken about before for its incredible ability to fascinate, comfort and heal those who have lost loved ones. Please Like, Comment on, and Share this video with those who may find it useful (status messages are perfect!), and remember to pray for all the souls who are patiently suffering in wait for the ultimate kingdom. Hungry Souls can help us to imagine the incredible ordeal that they (and we) must endure.

Tina Hertz says

An absorbing read.

Fascinating book that explains the existence of ghosts, explaining that most are souls asking for prayers. I thought ghosts were evil but not so, most of the time ghosts are not diabolical manifestations at all.

Based on Catholic teaching and Scripture, the book starts with a review of the Church of the Suffrage in Rome which contains a little old museum. These are items relating to Poor Souls who have visited the living to beg for prayers. Some of the items include burned-in images on cloth of hands or fingers as proof from these suffering souls that they indeed exist, were suffering greatly from real fire and needed prayers to satisfy their debt before entering heaven.

The book emphasizes the mercy that the living must perform in praying for the dead, as those in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves. The dead can no longer gain any merit, as we the living still can before our personal judgement. In Scripture we are advised not only to bury the dead, but also to pray for the dead. The book goes on to describe differences in paranormal activity. Phenomena can be caused by dead souls who are allowed by God to interact with the living, good angels, or sometimes a fallen angel - a demon. We are never to ask for or seek this kind of material contact, since we can never know who is really on the other side of the veil, as the devil is a liar and can impersonate anyone. However in charity, we must always

pray for the good soul who may be asking for prayers. The good appreciate the prayers while an evil spirit rejects holy activity.

Included are descriptions of good people or saints who prayed assiduously for the Poor Souls, and thus were visited by many because of their kind help. In turn these grateful souls interceded with God to get great favors for their living friends.

In one description, a kind prayerful woman characterized the ugly, scary, grotesque, groaning appearances as those who were in the deepest Purgatory and had many sins - they had barely escaped the permanence of Hell in spite of a very bad life, and had much reparation to make. As this woman offered rosaries, novenas and had Masses said for the soul, this disfigurement would slowly transform into beauty, and the grateful person would be able speak and thank the woman.

I recommend this book for anyone scared of the dark, afraid of ghosts, those who don't believe in ghosts, and anyone who mourns the death of loved ones.

Vivian Crespo says

We have to pray for all souls in Purgatory. This book will touch your heart and you will be thinking about the hungry souls that are waiting for a prayer and help that us here on Earth can bring to them. It is a simple prayer made with love and devotion. We take this devotion with love and hope. We give thanks to God in the name of Jesus. If you want to help the souls in Purgatory you can say this prayer. "God we offer you the most precious blood of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with all the masses given today for all the blessed souls in Purgatory. Amen." Jesus gave this prayer to St. Gertrudis. Hope anyone who read this review can say this prayer, thank you.

Hilda says

This book was very eye opening to say the least. Being raised a Catholic I have always believed in Purgatory and Hell, but to hear the accounts of these people who have been visited by their deceased relatives and friends only confirmed that for me.

After reading this book one must really ponder the health of their soul and pray that they have done enough penance to rid their souls of the stain of these sins. Very compelling read.

Patrick Alog says

Probably the best book I've ever read about Purgatory! Yes, purgatory is not hell, but makes you think that purgatory is not a place you want be in nonetheless. It talks about the experiences that people had when meeting souls in purgatory.

Joe says

You think you have read everything of interest on religion or the paranormal? You haven't!

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Riveting, indeed!

Stacy Jens says

This will give a reality check if you are a believer of Christ from any religion. Serious matter written in per episode kind of format. If you do not believe then move on right past it! I loved that what I wanted to ask after reading a section, was eventually answered. It did however, feel like a super short read. Jesus bless all the forgotten souls in purgatory and give them reprieve from their suffering by virtue of Your sorrowful passion! Amen.
