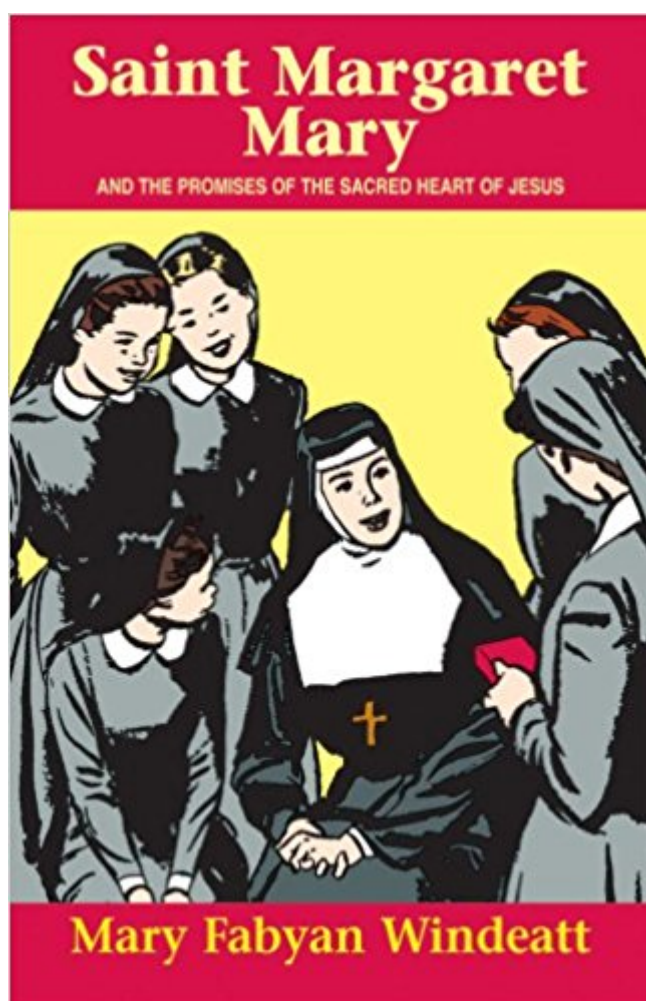


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Customer Reviews

Mary Fabyan Windeatt lived from 1910-1979 and grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada. The Mount Saint Vincent College awarded her a Licentiate of Music degree when she was just seventeen, and she began writing Catholic works when she was about twenty-four. Later she sent one of her stories to a Catholic magazine, and after it was accepted, she continued to write. In total she composed at least twenty-one children's books, as well as periodical children's pages written for The Torch, a monthly Dominican magazine. Mary Windeatt is most renowned for her many novels of the saints, which she wrote specifically for children, including lives on the Children of Fatima, Cure of Ars, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Rose of Lima and many others. After living with her mother in St. Meinrad, Indiana, she died on the twentieth of November, 1979.

Another great saint story.

When I was little, I used to love reading about the Saints. My Dad encouraged it, and I found their lives very inspiring. As I got older and busier, I either didn't have the time to read these books or I just wasn't interested. The other day, I couldn't find anything to do so I pulled this book out. It starts out by giving you a bit of background on the life that St. Margaret Mary was living. She was 13 and very ill. She and her mother prayed all they could for young Margaret to get better, but nothing worked. Finally, her Mom came up with the idea that Margaret should offer herself to be a Nun. After praying on such, Margaret was healed, and was able to resume a normal life. Years later, Margaret's mother wanted her to get married, but Margaret knew that she had to become a nun. The idea made her so happy. She begged her Mother and brother, and finally, they allowed it. They wanted her to become a nun at the nearby convent, but Margaret wanted to be a nun with the Order of the Visitation. They finally agreed, and she was accepted. When Margaret was there, it was hard for her to understand some of their ways of life. And when she started to have visions from God, the sisters began to think she was mental. They were very critical and felt that she was very different from them. Margaret did all she could, but they still criticized her. After convincing the Superior of the time that she wasn't crazy, they got a new, more practical, Mother Superior. But God told her things would be better. Margaret still was having visions and knew that all of the criticism and suffering would be worth it in the end. And God told her he would send someone to help. That someone was a priest. Sister Margaret Mary told Father Coliembre about her visions, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and how Jesus wanted to be loved, and not feared so much. The Priest offered to do everything he could to help her, and convinced the practical Superior that the Sister was really having visions. But later on, Father Coliembre gets sent away. Later on, troubles meet Father in England and the story goes to him for a little bit, telling of all that he had to deal with in England at a time when Catholicism was looked down upon. When he is finally done with all the suffering, he goes back to the convent, and is surprised to see a new Mother Superior, who won't let him speak to Sister Margaret Mary. When they finally do talk, Sister Margaret tells of all of the promises of the Sacred Heart that God told her about. Father Coilembre dies later on, and a few strange things happen at the convent when Mother Superior won't allow Sister Margaret Mary to make her holy hour of prayer on Thursday nights, and get communion on the first of every month. She allows Sister Margaret to do these things, and also believes that Sister Margaret is meant to be a Saint. With the help of Mother Superior, Sister Margaret Mary stops getting criticized for her visions and ways and gains support from her fellow sisters. She receives the final promise, and gets many involved with the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Soon, Mother Margaret Mary (She was ranked higher) dies. This book is great, especially for those who want to know more about the promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

And remember, I'm a 14 year old who reads popular teen books (by Meg Cabot, Ann Brashares, Lisi Harrison, etc.) and if I liked it, then there is a good chance you will too! :-)

Saint Margaret Mary... an apostle for Christ, a loving and obedient nun, one who would do anything for Christ and Our Blessed Mother, one who recognized the power of love and suffering for Christ... yes, this is who St. Margaret Mary is. And Mary Fabyan Windeatt wrote the book, Saint Margaret Mary and the Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in such a way that it is very hard to describe. The story started out with Margaret, ill in bed, at the age of 13. Mary Wineatt tells how Margaret and her mother promised to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, that if Margaret is cured of her illness she will become a religious. Their prayers were answered... the Blessed Mother cured Margaret! It took a long time until finally Margaret could visit the Visitation nuns to become a religious. When she becomes a Visitation nun at the convent she begins to have visions of Christ's suffering. Most of the nuns don't believe her at first. Our Lord revealed twelve promises to Margaret and she saw the Sacred Heart of Jesus two times. Our Lord tells Margaret of a person who is going to come and help her spread the word. This person was Father de la Colombiere. He was a very well known and educated priest. He helps Margaret in a lot of ways until he dies at the age of 41. Before Margaret dies she was perfectly healthy but in a few hours she dies at the age of 43. I like this book so much because the way the author writes it. It sounds like a story instead of facts just put together. This book is beautifully written. And I especially liked how Margaret seems so loving and kind to everyone.

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Easy to read and language easy to understand. Really great book. You really understand the reason behind the Sacred Heart devotion with this book.

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