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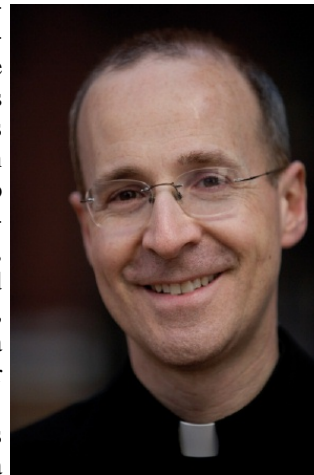


James Martin, S.J. *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*

A practical spiritual guidebook based on the life and teachings of St. Ignatius Loyola. Martin shows us how to manage relationships, money, work, prayer and decision-making, all while keeping a sense of humor about it.

Kathleen Norris calls this book a “practical guide for living an authentic life, for being ‘who you are’ in a way that enhances your relationships with others and the world around you..”

Norris promises that Martin introduces the major themes of Jesuit spirituality in a remarkably hospitable way, so that anyone—believer or non-believer—might come away with useful insights into the importance of shedding needless guilt, determining when religion has become a hindrance to one’s spiritual growth, and the value of desire and imagination in a life of faith.



**Go forth  
and set  
the world  
on fire.**

-St. Ignatius Loyola



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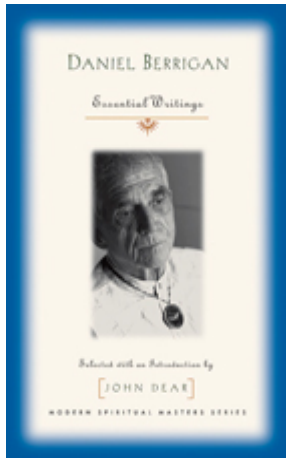


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*“Our apologies, good friends, for the fracture of good order, the burning of paper instead of children, the angering of the orderlies in the front parlor of the charnel house. We could not, so help us God, do otherwise.”*

Daniel Berrigan, *Essential Writings* (Orbis)

Daniel Berrigan is a Jesuit priest, poet, and peacemaker, whose words and actions over the past 50 years have offered a powerful witness to the God of Life. Fr. Berrigan, along with his brother Philip, was one of the Catonsville 9, arrested and imprisoned in 1968 for destroying draft files in a protest against the Vietnam War. But this was only one step along a journey of faith. Through this selection from his many books, journals, poems, and homilies, a chronicle of Fr. Berrigan's life and work unfolds, from the early steps in his vocation, to his decision to cross the line and go to prison, his ongoing witness for peace, and his extraordinary commentaries on scripture and the life of radical discipleship.

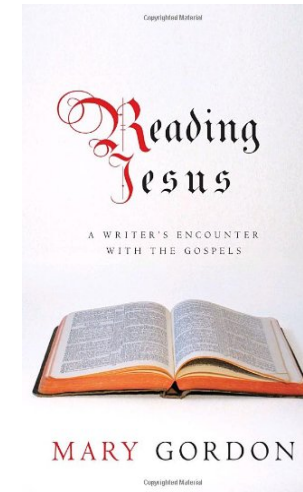
Trent Pomplun, *Jesuit on the Roof of the World* (Oxford University Press)

This the first full-length study in any language of Ippolito Desideri (1684-1733), a Jesuit explorer and missionary who traveled in Tibet from 1715 to 1721. Based on close readings of a wide range of primary sources in Tibetan, Italian, and Latin, *Jesuit on the Roof of the World* follows Desideri's journey across the great Western deserts of Tibet, his entry into the court of the Mongol chieftain Lhazang Khan, and his flight across Eastern Tibet during the wars that shook Tibet during the early-eighteenth century. While



telling of these harrowing events, Desideri relates the dramatic encounter between his Jesuit philosophy and the scholasticism of the Geluk monks; the personal conflict between his own Roman Catholic beliefs and his appreciation of Tibet religion and culture; and the travails of a variety of colorful characters whose political intrigues led to the invasion of Zünghar Mongols of 1717 and the establishment of the Chinese protectorate in 1720.

As the Tibetans fought among themselves, the missionary waged his own war against demons, sorcerers, and rival scholastic philosophers. In describing his spiritual warfare against the Tibetan "pope," the missionary offers a unique glimpse into theological problem of the salvation of non-Christians in early modern theology; the curious-and highly controversial-appeal of Hermetic philosophy in the Asian missions; the political underbelly of the Chinese Rites Controversy; and the persistent European fascination with the land of snows.



Mary Gordon, *Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels* (Pantheon)

Novelist and memoirist Gordon (*Circling My Mother*) examines her faith by closely reading, in a kind of literary *lectio divina*

(sacred reading), the four Christian gospels that recount the life of Christ. The accounts by evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John of the life of Jesus have a common subject and amazingly different treatments. Gordon tackles the power and puzzle of the Christian gospels with measure and imagination, providing welcome relief for those left cold by scholarly or fundamentalist parsing. Raised Catholic, she writes as a layperson and cradle believer thrilled and troubled by these history-shaping texts, unafraid to articulate questions: what does it mean to be perfect? what exactly is a miracle? Her savoring of particular lines is poetic and amplifies the beauty and sometimes ambiguous challenge of the language, stories and injunctions of the gospels. Gordon writes to find out what she thinks and lets readers listen in. Those whose faith is infused with humanism and love of the power of words will love Gordon's words about matters and mysteries of faith.