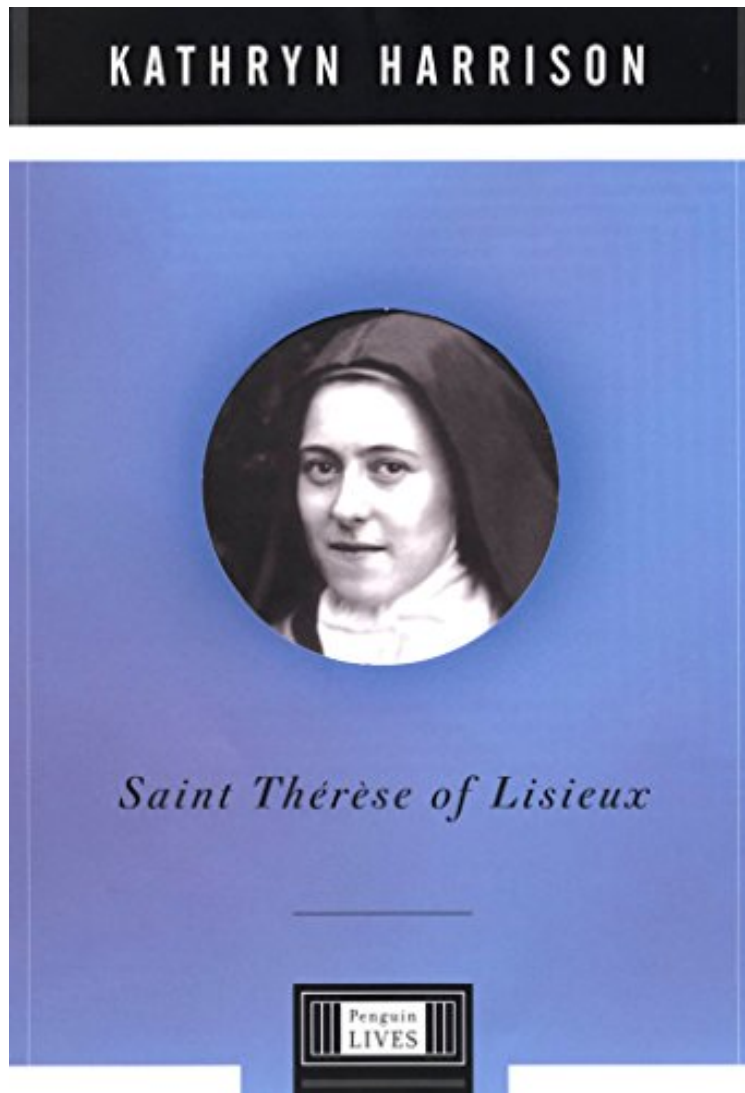


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Von Kathryn Harrison : Saint Therese of Lisieux: A Penguin Life before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Saint Therese of Lisieux: A Penguin Life:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Puzzling SaintVon James Gallen"Saint Therese of Lisieux" is a short story of a short life. Drawn largely from Therese's own writings and the recollections and testimony of acquaintances, it provides an up close view of a holy life.Therese is a saint who pursued sanctity by seeking "nothingness" within the Carmel of Lisieux and yet became the patroness of missionaries and one of the most popular saints of the past century.This book provides an introduction to the spiritual life of late 19th Century France, in which religious life was at its greatest popularity, and the particular

environment of her convent. It also gives an insight into the attraction of Therese to the world since her death. I find the popularity of Therese and St. Francis of Assisi to be puzzling. Our world generally esteems those who give their lives in service to others, not in those who seek self mortification as their road to salvation, but in their cases, this is the model which the world embraces. The book alludes to Therese's writings, but really does not, in my estimation, make the case for her immense popularity. This book is a good introduction to her life, but I am left searching for her charism.

Kurzbeschreibung Saint Threse of Lisieux, largely unknown when she died in a Carmelite convent at the age of twenty-four, became through her posthumously published autobiography one of the world's most influential religious figures. In Saint Threse of Lisieux, bestselling novelist and memoirist Kathryn Harrison, whose depictions of women have been called "powerful" (The New York Times Book) and "luminously intelligent" (The Boston Sunday Globe), brings to the saint's life her storytelling gift and deep insight as she reveals the hopes and fears of the young girl behind the religious icon. Saint Threse of Lisieux shows us the pampered daughter of successful and deeply religious tradespeople who through a personal appeal to the pope entered a convent at the early age of fifteen. There, Threse embraced sacrifice and self-renunciation in a single-minded pursuit of the "nothingness" she felt would bring her closer to God. With feeling, Harrison shows us the sensitive four-year-old whose mother's death haunted her forever and contributed to the ascetic spirituality that strengthened her to embrace even the deadly throes of tuberculosis. Tellingly placed in the context of late-nineteenth-century French social and religious practices, this is a powerful story of a life lived with enormous passion and a searing, triumphant voyage of the spirit. Pressestimmen Harrison's psychological analysis is compelling. She locates many of Therese's ideas in the early death of her mother and the mental illness of her father... Harrison's account of the saint's childhood is well written, sympathetic and horrifying... [a] beautifully crafted book.' -- Damien Thompson LITERARY REVIEW (November) 'Kathryn Harrison has written a biography which is neither hagiography nor hatchet-job. In her reading St Therese is a damaged soul, but almost because of that, a truly great one.' -- Caroline Moore SUNDAY TELEGRAPH (9.11.03) '...fascinating...the writing is powerful and will cause reflection.' -- Talitha Stevenson OBSERVER (30.11.03) 'Harrison knows her stuff and writes so well that the reader soaks it up.' -- Christopher Howse TELEGRAPH (29.11.03) 'Harrison offers a critical perspective of Therese, but whether praising or blaming, her style is always luxuriously poetic. Written with a passion that pervades the prose, this is a grippingly good read.' -- Anita Sethi CITY LIFE (Manchester, 19.11.03) 'insightful.' -- Bess Twiston Davies CATHOLIC HERALD (5.12.03) 'The account Harrison gives of the little nun's heroic and uncomplaining final journey cannot fail to touch the heart.' THE UNIVERSE (7.12.03) 'The excellence of Kathryn Harrison's short book is that it is an honest and rigorous account.' -- Roz Kaveney TIME OUT (17.12.03) 'This is no holy, holy book. It's different from anything you've ever read before about the little French nun who became a Doctor of the Church. She would have loved it.' IRISH NEWS (Belfast, 19.12.03) '[an] utterly fascinating read.' GOOD BOOK GUIDE (1.1.04) 'Kathryn Harrison's thoughtful, succinct and elegant study...helps us make new sense of Therese by stressing how her life was a story first of all told by her parents about their imagined object, and then with herself as dynamic subject.' -- Michele Roberts NEW STATESMAN (12.1.04) 'a comprehensive version of the saint's life...well-written account in a handy size.' -- Tom Horwood CATHOLIC TIMES (18.1.04) 'There is so much to say...that a new biography...has plenty of interest for devotees.. Kathryn Harrison gives us a tougher portrait than most, stressing the courage, originality and heroism of her subject.' -- Isabel Quigly TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT (6.2.04) 'To my mind, and from the point of view of non-specialised readers, this is the most interesting biography since Virginia Sackville West's 'The Eagle and the Dove', first published in 1943.' NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST (3.4.04) 'Kathryn Harrison's Saint Therese of Lisieux offers a biographical map that traces the life of Therese and her spiritual journey.' -- Martin Warner CHURCH TIMES (14.5.04) Kurzbeschreibung Saint Threse of Lisieux, largely unknown when she died in a Carmelite convent at the age of twenty-four, became through her posthumously published autobiography one of the world's most influential religious figures. 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