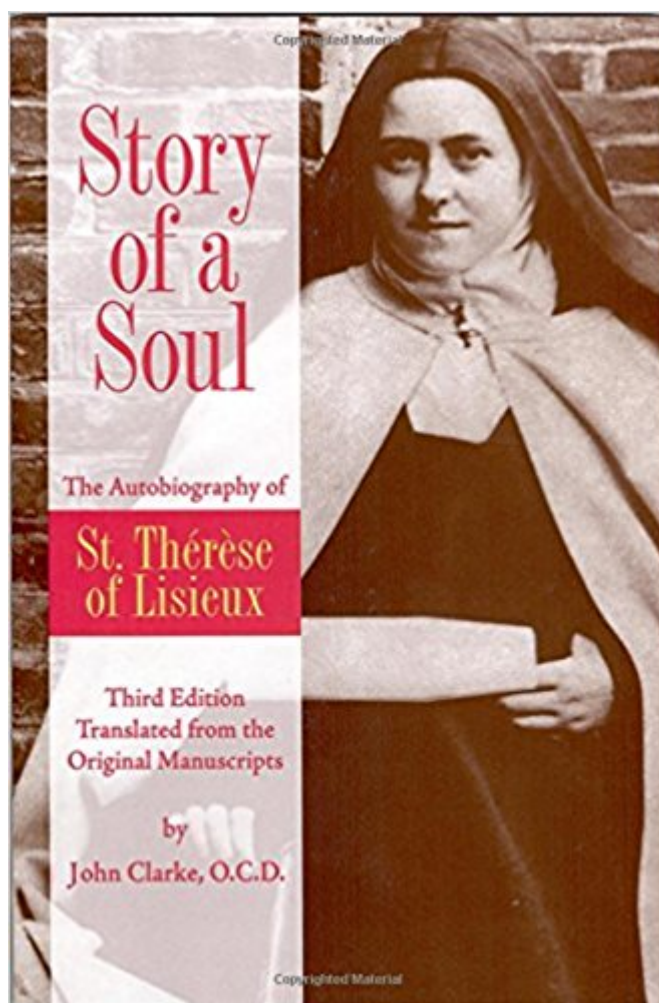


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Story Of A Soul: The Autobiography Of St. Therese Of Lisieux, Third Edition



Synopsis

Translated from the critical edition by John Clarke, OCD, 3rd ed. (1997). Includes general and biblical index, with 8 pages of photos. Two and a half years before her death in 1897 at the age of 24, as Thérèse Martin began writing down her childhood memories at the request of her blood sisters in the Lisieux Carmel, few could have guessed the eventual outcome. Yet this *Story of my soul*, first published in 1898 in a highly edited version, quickly became a modern spiritual classic, read by millions and translated into dozens of languages around the world. Decades later, in response to growing requests from scholars and devotees of the Saint, a facsimile edition of the manuscripts appeared, along with more popular French editions of what the Saint had actually written. Here, expressed with all of Thérèse's original spontaneity and fervor, we rediscover the great themes of her spirituality: confidence and love, the little way, abandonment to God's merciful love, and her mission in the church and world today. Father John Clarke's acclaimed translation, first published in 1975 and now accepted as the standard throughout the English-speaking world, is a faithful and unaffected rendering of Thérèse's own words, from the original manuscripts. This new edition, prepared for the centenary of the Saint's death, includes a select bibliography of recent works in English on Thérèse, along with a new referencing system now widely used in studies of her doctrine.

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Succeeds admirably in catching the tone and feel of the original text. --Noel-Dermot O'Donoghue, Religious Life Review
A fresh, first rate translation from the original manuscripts. --John Donohue,

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Reading Therese' words, I felt she was sharing thoughts as though I was one of her sisters; the first-person account made me, and probably other readers, feel very close! Therese tells about being drawn to God, wanting to please Him and her parents and her many brothers and sisters starting when she was very young. I understood how the effort of her parents and her siblings contributed to her powerful formation and her determination. After reading a few pages, I often felt the need to stop and reflect a bit before continuing; was it because I felt so overwhelmed by her magnificent life? This wonderful soul was so committed to her faith that she was canonized a Saint and a Doctor of the Catholic Church--all in a life of twenty-four years!

I was very curious to find out how St Therese became a saint in the Catholic Church. The book is written for the Mother Superior of the order that St Therese joined at only 14 years old--Therese said she could not write it for herself that would be vane. The simplicity of her writing made for easy reading. Her modesty was impressive since comparing today's teens to her attitude was huge. She was a humble young girl and kept her humility for her entire life which did not last long. She spent her life wanting to die and go to heaven; so in many respects, she seemed depressed at times. Even as a young girl, she wanted her mother to die so that she could go to her real home (which is heaven) and Therese would be with her forever. Therese felt that she would be able to come down to earth on her death and help others. She did understand that God would have to make that decision so she did not live in elusions. She came across at times as being helpless and very small--but her faith was strong and powerful. Overall, the book made me to understand a true saint's mindset. She did pass on at 24 years old. I have no doubt that she is indeed in heaven with Jesus and all of the other saints. Our almighty GOD must be so proud of her for her devotion. curious ruby

This book reads very slowly, at first....which can discourage continuing. But it becomes clear that this is the simplicity of St. Therese's life in faith. It began to draw me in before I realized I was understanding her story, instead of being distracted by the format. I have read this book more than once, and each time I am encouraged. Here is the story of an ordinary person, who lived an extraordinary life in faith. She was not superhuman; had the same difficulties we all do accepting and loving others; she made sainthood attainable.

The story is a little dry as it wasn't written by a professional, but the content is amazing. Just grind

through it and you will discover many interesting ways in which this saint lived.

A very nice and interesting book. St Therese has always been my family's patron Saint. Very informative book. Easy to read and understand.

This diary account helps me see both the ordinary struggle and the extraordinary love that Therese had. It is inspirational and approachable by any Christian. This is not a saint reserved for Catholics, but for anyone who wants to be closer to Jesus and struggles with how to do this. Part of the answer: "come as you are." Reach out to Jesus, and he immediately hugs you in return.

For a young woman who died at 24 years of age, she is a remarkably astute theologian in her own right. No wonder she was made a doctor of the Church. In her own small way she strove to do everything as perfectly as she could as an offering to God. This is the way she lived her life in her cloistered order of nuns. Despite being a very humble and accommodating individual within her convent she still went through difficult times with others in her order. This is a book that will show one how an alternative lifestyle in a world where materialism and self-ego take center stage can be extraordinary in its own way.

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