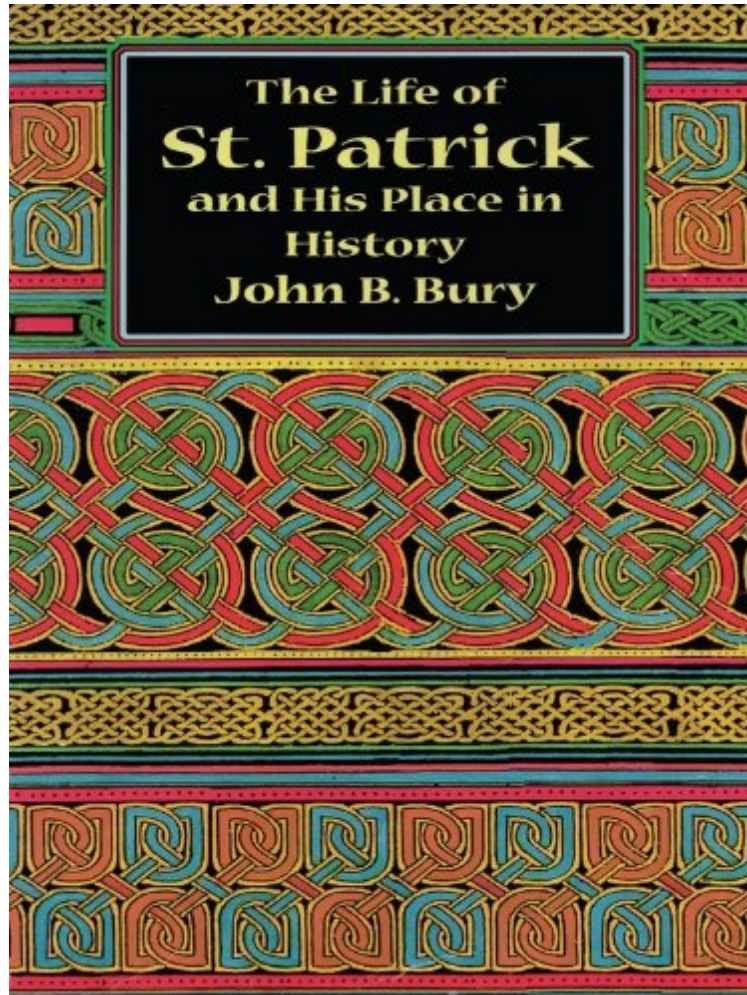


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Readable and interesting, full of stories and humor. Von jphelan@northpark.edu One of the finest scholars of the late Roman world, John Bury died in 1927 leaving a distinguished record of research and writing. Bury's LIFE OF ST. PATRICK was one of the earliest scholarly attempts to separate fact from fiction in Patrick studies. Very quickly following the death of the saint a great body of stories and traditions arose around him. Some of these stories were plainly fabricated; others contained more than a grain of truth. As a scholar of the late Roman world Bury knew the territory very well and tells a compelling and plausible story of the earliest days of the Irish church. While scholarly, the book is readable and interesting, full of wonderful stories and wry humor. In his introduction to the reprint of

Bury's classic, one of the greatest contemporary Patrick scholars, Liam de Paor, calls the book "a monument of enlightened scholarship and . . . of permanent value." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. History! Von Richard T. Rossiter Bury's presentation and analysis of the facts are history at its best. This is the way history should be done. Although I have not seen Evidence One of rebuttal to Bury, most modern historians all follow lock step the axiom that Patrick started an autonomous Celtic church separate from the universal church. The extensive notes are worth the price of the book!

Kurzbeschreibung Until a leading historian published this classic biography in 1905, the facts about St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, were clouded by obscurity, controversy, and conjecture. This carefully researched study brought the venerated figure into the light of history, exploring the many legends surrounding the saint and assessing their probability through scrupulous analysis of early sources. A fascinating portrait of fourth-century life in the British Isles during the Roman occupation emerges as the author narrates the facts of the saint's birth and boyhood in Britain. Patrick's abduction at the age of 17 by Irish raiders led to a turning point in his spiritual development and brought him to the island with which he would forever be associated. In Ireland, he embraced his faith and spent most of his life converting pagans, founding churches, and making Ireland a formal part of universal Christendom. The richly detailed text concludes with extensive appendixes, including a detailed account of the author's sources. Still a valuable reference work after nearly a century, consulted and quoted by scholars, historians, and theologians, this very readable and accessible biography will fascinate all readers interested in the life of this saint and in Irish history.