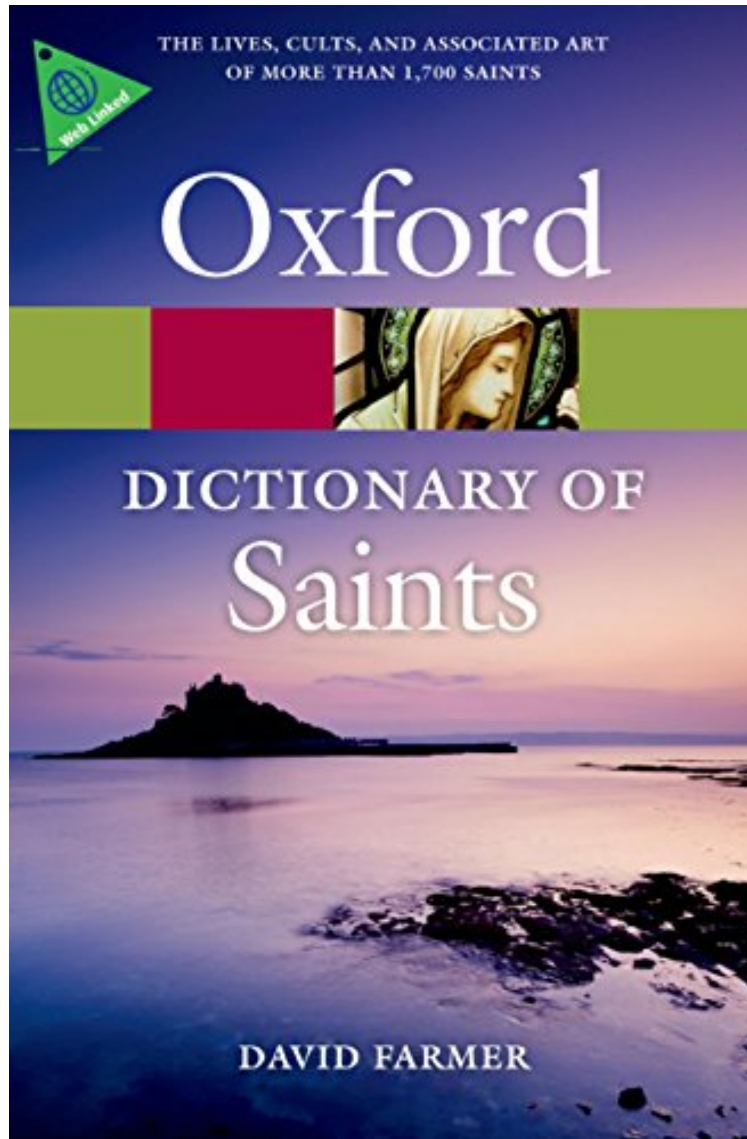


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Von David Farmer : The Oxford Dictionary of Saints, Fifth Edition Revised (Oxford Quick Reference) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Oxford Dictionary of Saints, Fifth Edition Revised (Oxford Quick Reference):

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on approximately 1300 saints, with useful system of indexing and cross-referencing. In summarizing the lives of the saints, some sources seem to want to gloss over the more fantastic, fairy-tale aspects of some stories, while other sources will drift off into a Daily Meditation self-help format. This text takes an even-handed and academic approach, that allows the reader to draw his own conclusions. As a Californian, it is a little frustrating to deal with the British bias on saints, and find nothing about saints who were chosen for California place names like San Dimas, San Luis Obispo, San Diego (Didacus?), and San Ysidro. But overall this is an excellent source for hagiographic trivia and history. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Scholarly, superbly researched and eminently readable Von Ein Kunde This book really is a superbly researched work by an author who has a real feel for the subject. It contains in-depth, well researched information which has been succinctly put together. Where there is doubt about the authenticity of any source material, this is clearly stated in the text. This book is definitely the best place to start for anyone with an interest in the subject of saints. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Bursting with information Von Rowan Lewgalon I bought this dictionary as a source of concise but accurate information on saints - and I was not disappointed. More than 1,400 saints from all over the world can be found here; their lives, places of worship, principal feasts, attributes and so on. It is a delight to read it from A to Z and historically interesting as well.

Kurzbeschreibung Far more than a dry hagiographical account of the lives of saints, this entertaining and authoritative dictionary breathes life into its subjects and is as browsable as it is informative. First published in 1978, the Oxford Dictionary of Saints offers more than 1,700 fascinating and informative entries covering the lives, cults, and artistic associations of saints from around the world, from the famous to the obscure, the rich to the poor, and the academic to the uneducated. From all walks of life and from all periods of history and from around the world, the wide varieties of personalities and achievements of the canonized are reflected. An updated introduction explains the steps towards becoming a saint, the processes of beatification and canonization. This revised fifth edition includes appendices containing five maps of pilgrimage sites, a list of saints' patronages and iconographical emblems, and a calendar of principal feasts, as well as a new appendix on pilgrimages. de More than 1,300 saints are profiled in this most readable, extensive, and enlightening of references. Curious about the saint you're named after? Attending a feast day for a saint you never heard of? Want an obscure saint to include in your historical novel? Or merely desirous of the kind of feet-up-by-the-fire perusal that only a well-written reference text can provide? David Farmer's compilation of saints includes all English saints; all saints of whom there is or was a notable cult; important saints from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the rest of Europe; and recently canonized saints. Arranged alphabetically, the dictionary starts with Abbo of Fleury, ends with Zosimus of Syracuse, and includes Pelagia of Antioch, Crispina of Tagora, Cunegund the empress, and a wide assortment of other martyrs, popes, spiritual seers, and those, such as Crispin of Viterbo, who were canonized simply for their humble lives and Christian faith. There's also a wonderful appendix of the principal patronages of saints--telling, for example, who's the patron saint of healthy dogs (Hubert) and mad dogs (Sithney), plus an index of the main iconographical emblems of saints, another of places, and a calendar of feast days. -- Stephanie Gold Pressestimment this delightful array ... the sort of thing that gives hagiography a good name. The Times compulsive reading The Tablet excellent and readable The Guardian Even those who do not believe in saints ... will be able to enjoy and to profit from this splendid book. Economist