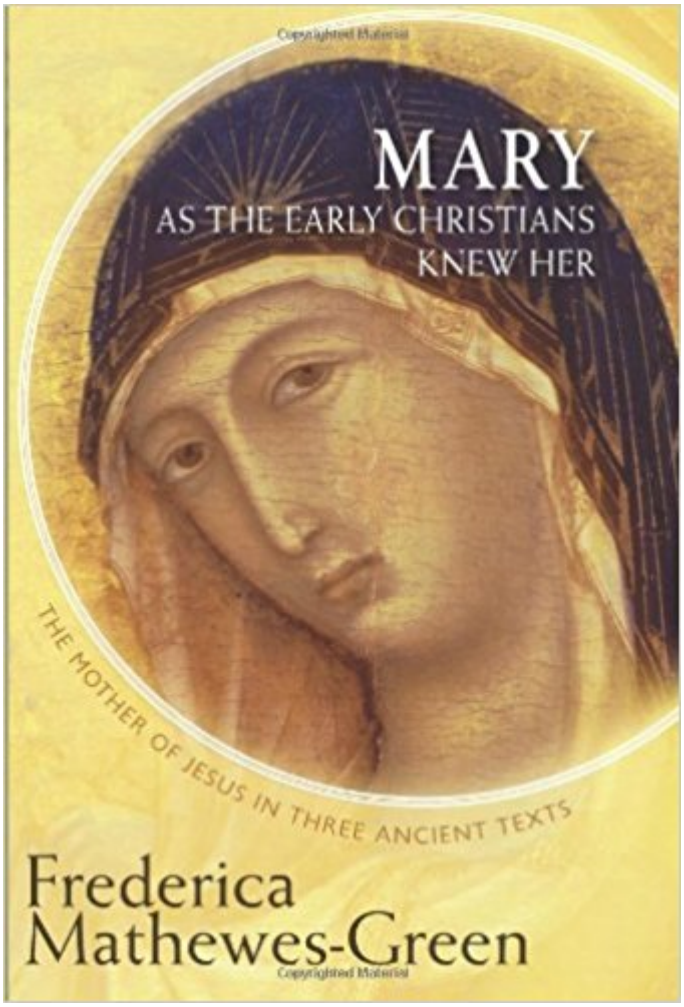
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Mathewes-Green opens up Ã¢â ¬Å“The Gospel of MaryÃ¢â ¬Â• to see her early life, offering a window into her centrality to the Christian Faith in new and sometimes startling ways. Christians have alternatively raised the status of the mother of Jesus to that of her Son or ignored her entirely. Behind all of the images is a girl who grew up to be the mother of Christ. How did the first Christians view her? What were the commonly understood facts about the Blessed MotherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s early life, before the Annunciation? How did Mary, the mother of Jesus, become the Theotokos?Ã Â This book gives some surprising insights.

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The Virgin Mary means different things to different cultures--the flower of femininity or the champion of feminism; the paragon of obedience or the advocate of liberation. Which view of her you take depends on what cultural side you’re on. In this slim volume, Mathewes-Green tries to uncover the Mary that early Christians knew through a reading of three ancient texts: a narrative of Mary’s life that Mathewes-Green calls the Gospel of Mary, which was written in 150 and was extremely popular in its day; a brief prayer to Mary, found in Egypt on papyrus dated to 250, though Mathewes-Green thinks it is probably older; and a long hymn written by the Syrian deacon St. Romanos that is considered one of the finest examples of Eastern Christian poetry. By examining these texts, Mathewes-Green offers a new perspective on Mary’s life, legacy, and meaning for generations of Christians. Advocates of Marian literature will surely appreciate Mathewes-Green’s thoughtful

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I have often wondered where the Orthodox and Catholic stories and beliefs in Mary came from - now I know. This book is priceless in filling in the gaps of the birth of Jesus to the virgin who we hear so little about.

Wonderful to read about other very probable ways things happened. I love this book.

Good book

Would recommend to "former" Protestants like myself who have not been exposed to the writings of the early church. Thanks!!

Great item, Fast shipping. Thank you.

Excellent information about devotions to Mary the mother of God. It is worth the read. I recommend it. God bless.

Beautiful--really enjoyed this!

While I was already a huge fan of FMG, this book exceeded my expectations. The detail put into research of the different ancient texts was very thorough. While this is not one of her personal account stories, it is an exceptional book from which all Christians could learn a great deal. The Orthodox church has such a rich history of Mary (the Theotokos) and it is wonderful to see this history told in such a great voice for everyone to learn from and enjoy.

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