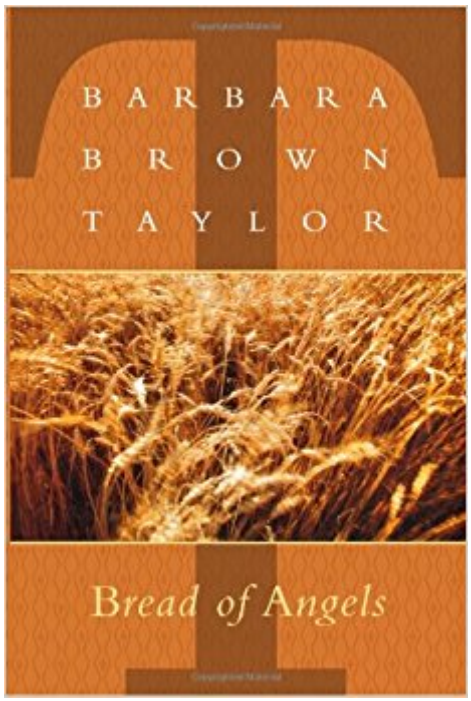
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Synopsis

As Barbara Brown Taylor reminds us, the Israelites received the bread of angelsÃ¢â ¬â ¢ mannaÃ¢â ¬â ¢as they made their way through the wilderness. So too is God made known to us in the simple things that sustain our lives. With humor and an eye for human stubbornness, Taylor points to just how much like the people of scripture we can beÃ¢â ¬â ¢stiff-necked and ungrateful in the face of God's bounty.Taylor moves through the span of the Bible in her search for divine love. In the stories of Moses, David, and Daniel she picks up its trace in reversals and surprises. She refreshes our perspective on Pentecost and its aftermath in a sermon sequence on the Book of Acts. And at book's center radiates her stunning parable of the Incarnation, Ã¢â ¬Å“God's Daring Plan.Ã¢â ¬Â•With characteristic flair, Taylor grounds her exegetical enterprise on jokes and stories packed with truth. As pleasurable as they are profound, her meditations on the life of faith and the cost of discipleship will instruct the preacher and delight the reader.

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Customer Reviews

Not many collections of sermons are published anymore, but Barbara Brown Taylor's volumes appear with some regularityÃ¢â ¬â ¢and that's a very good thing for the rest of us. Her sermons are simple in theme but elegant in expression. (The Christian Century)She meets serious biblical scholarship with respect, but she avails us of it in an unobtrusive way that disarms any resistance we may have to being taught from the pulpit. Her exegesis is woven into the context of what she is saying so skillfully that it is likely to be welcomed as helpful even by those who might otherwise

complain that the Bible is not really meaningful to them or that scripture is no longer authoritative in the contemporary age. (Sewanee Theological Review)Taylor finds bright and crisp ways of telling us to look for the unconventional revelations of God in this world. She is intellectual and thoughtful enough for serious reading, and contemporary and informal enough to cause those who do not read sermons to make an exception. (The Living Church)Her velvet touch conceals her iron grip on the deeper truths of the Gospel. (The Toronto Anglican)Taylor does not use words or images pretentiously or unnecessarily but forcefully and economically. Every now and again, one is handed a phrase which prods one's heart and mind simultaneously, stimulating a devotional response with a prying theological edge. (Anglican Theological Review)

Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest. She holds the Harry R. Butman Chair in Religion and Philosophy at Piedmont College in northeastern Georgia and serves as adjunct professor of Christian spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur. Recognized as one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English language by Baylor University in 1995, Taylor has published numerous collections of her sermons and theological reflections, including Mixed Blessings, The Preaching Life, The Luminous Web, Home By Another Way, Speaking of Sin, and Gospel Medicine.

Barbara Brown Taylor has an amazing gift which she share freely in this book and her others. I like to think of her as a preachers preacher. Being a preacher myself, I learned to read and listen to sermons with a critical and often unfair ear. So, a sermon must be really, really good to escape criticism. The sermons in this book are that good. What makes them so wonderful. Barbara Brown Taylor has a unique way of looking at the text. She compares the fierey furnace story to a Tom Clancy movie, She compares mana in the wilderness to gritts, and she retells the Christmas story is a beautiful and touching way without being sappy. This book is great for preachers looking for uniques stories and angles. It is also good devotional type reading for those who's preaching is done through living life.

This is the second of her books which I've enjoyed. This one is a very readable and inspiring book of sermons. She had me when she quoted C. S. Lewis! I highly recommend anything she writes.

I love Barbara Brown Taylor's books...and especially enjoy reading her sermons as a part of my daily devotions. She is so down to earth, and expresses spiritual issues in memorable, visual, today concepts.

I have only recently discovered Barbara Taylor and her writings and I cannot get enough of her common sense, wisdom, clarity in writing, etc. etc. I am delighted to have found her messages..makes me think and be aware of the world around me in a heavenly way.

Barbara Brown Taylor has a unique way of providing insight into Bible versus and Bible stories we've known since childhood, sitting on the 2nd pew by the organ. She will take difficult versus, like when Jesus says you must deny your family to follow, and share insight about them in a very humble and honest way. One of my favorites is her sharing her experience of spending time in the desert - and just how hard it is to be focused on God. I just finished reading this book of sermons, and have started again at the beginning - there is so much to learn and so much to listen to in her sermons.

I have thoroughly enjoyed Barbara Brown Taylor's books and this was the 3rd of her books I have read. Her style is so down to Earth, but yet she exposes everyday things for the creation of God that they are. As an Episcopalian myself I delight in how she demonstrates the sometimes quirky Christians we can be and still her lessons are for all Christians, no matter the denomination. Highly recommend!

I like to read her sermons after work in the evening, like a devotional thought. I highly recommend it for all.

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