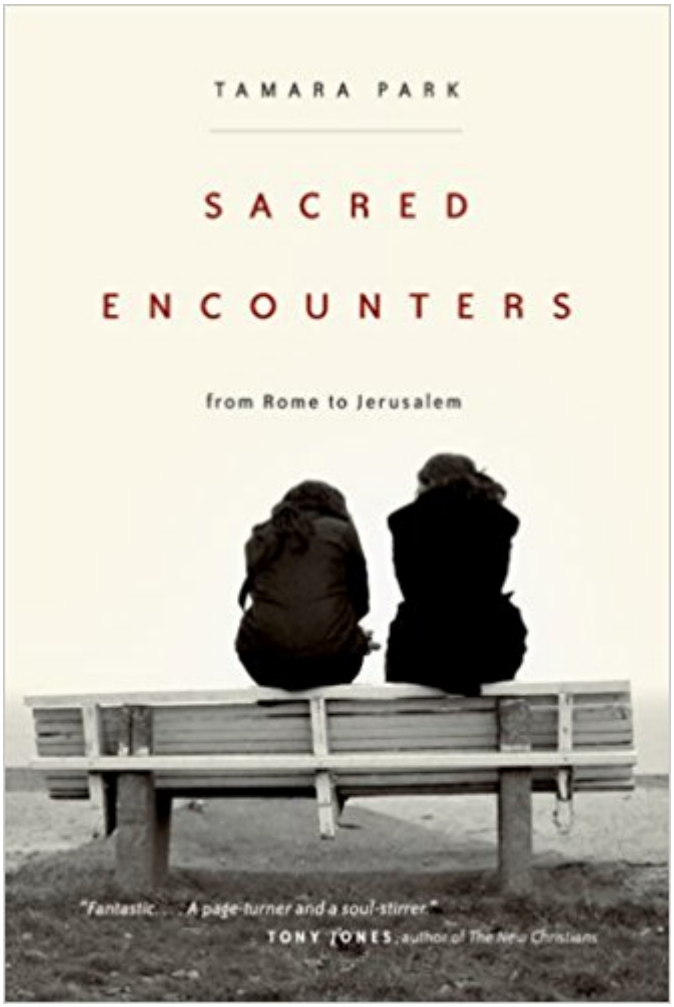
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Sacred Encounters From Rome To Jerusalem



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Synopsis

Tamara Park wanted to test her beliefs about God outside the cloistered corner of her American upbringing. So she and a couple of friends flew to Rome and from there followed the footsteps of Helena, mother of the first Christian emperor of ancient Rome, on a meandering path to Jerusalem. Along the way, she sat on all sorts of benches and talked with all sorts of people about how they thought of God. As she conversed with nuns, spies and backpackers throughout the Balkans and Middle East, she discovered understandings of the sacred in the most unexpected of encounters. In her book you'll meet Muslims, Jews, Christians and agnostics in lands that have witnessed near-endless war, tumultuous political crises, economic stagnation and religious strife. You'll see God through the eyes of people whose lived experience is profoundly different yet surprisingly common. You'll see the world through the eyes of three pilgrims and get to know God--and yourself--a little better.

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"Tamara Park signifies all that is good about the Christian pilgrimage. Her honesty and openness in Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem allow for a true spiritual journey in finding God. She is a contemporary pilgrim with a fresh journey to the living, breathing Yahweh." (Theresa Shadrix, syndicated columnist, editor and author of the forthcoming book Naked Before God)"Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem is an authentic and breezy, yet poignant, voyage in and toward a more dynamic faith in God captured during Tamara Park's real-life travels to the Holy City from Rome. Between the two famous cities, we follow Tamara and her companions through

questions, doubts, hopes and spiritual insights, while they gather the spiritual revelations of an interesting assortment of people from diverse cultures, backgrounds and perspectives along the way. Take this provocative and entertaining journey with Tamara to encounter God and his greatness more deeply, just as she did." (Lisa ColÃƒÂ n DeLay, wit4life.com)"Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem is an engaging and intelligent exploration of faith that explores culture and history in their most captivating form: the context of love and life relationships. This book masterfully captures the spirit of spiritual pilgrimage and our universal need to seek to know God beyond the scope of our limited understanding of him." (Shelly Beach, author of Hallie's Heart)"This book is a gift of love from the children of Abraham who live among the historical roots of Christianity. The author's vulnerability in laying bare her inner struggles while journeying to hear how followers of all three Abrahamic faiths describe God creates a holy space for the reader." (Karen Sloan, author of Flirting with Monasticism: Finding God on Ancient Paths)"Tamara Park's account of her forty-day pilgrimage from Rome to Jerusalem is a fresh twist on an ancient journey as she asked those she met along the way to describe God and then listened--really listened--to the answers. Park's contemplative, lyrical, honest writing was an invitation throughout Sacred Encounters to join her on the journey, right here where I live. " (Michelle Van Loon, author of ParableLife and Uprooted)"Tamara Park takes the reader on a wonderful, descriptive pilgrimage from Rome to Jerusalem where she records her sacred encounters with men and women from the ancient past (Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helena; Savonarola; St. Francis of Assisi; St. Paul; and John) and with modern men and women from all ages and religious backgrounds. From the first rather shallow reflections springs forth, over the course of the journey, a mosaic of deep spiritual encounters that bring her to Jesus--"the Icon of God." (Donald L. Brake, Ph.D., vice president and dean, Multnomah Biblical Seminary, Portland, Oregon)"Tamara takes you on a beautiful and amazing journey through the sights, sounds and smells of her pilgrimage. You feel as though you've packed your bags and are traveling with her. Here is a book that inspires you to love God and people of all nations and faiths. Well worth reading!" (Sheri Mueller, author, speaker and cofounder of Growthtrac.com)"Sharing her personal story--with all its demons and preconceptions--as a backdrop, Tamara Park gently challenges us to reach beyond our prejudices so that we might approach others with curious and ready-to-listen hearts. I am encouraged to make my own pilgrimage, asking God to guide me to faraway sacred benches. Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem subtly questions our too-often Americanized faith and all its compartmentalized boxes. It dares us to make room for a living, breathing, global God." (Eileen Button, columnist and author of the forthcoming book When Faith Is a Four-Letter Word)"It's tricky to pull off a book about one's own

spiritual pilgrimage that will also be enticing and applicable to others, but Tamara Park has done just that. At turns poignant and hilarious, her fantastic writing carries us, her readers, along on her journey. Sacred Encounters from Rome to Jerusalem is both a page-turner and a soul-stirrer." (Tony Jones, author of The New Christians: Dispatches from the Emergent Frontier)"This isn't just a book, it's a journey. And with each turn of the page you will find yourself lost in the modern and ancient dilemma in the search for words to describe God. Along the way, you'll be entertained by Tamara's adventures, fascinated by the history and culture of each stop along the way, and intrigued by the sacred encounters. Undoubtedly, you'll find yourself pausing to reflect on your own image of God in ways you never have before." (Jocelyn C. Green, award-winning writer and author of Faith Deployed)"Mixing historical account with current stories from volatile areas like the Balkans and the fractured Middle East, Tamara Park guides readers on their own introspective journeys. Tamara interviews Muslims, Orthodox Christians, Catholics, Jewish people, skeptics, laypeople, clergy, Americans, Serbians, Italians, Croats. . . . [This] diverse record of common beliefs about God doesn't leave you once you put it down." (Rebecca Mayer, contributing writer, Relevant, and special section editor, Lake Oswego Review)"A master of posing penetrating questions, Tamara Park guides readers through a captivating pilgrimage from Rome to Jerusalem. With each conversation, God emerges as larger, more compassionate and more astounding, uncovering the vast, infinite grandeur of our Creator. Though the road to Jerusalem ends, the journey toward God continues." (Ed Cyzewski, author of Coffeehouse Theology: Reflecting on God in Everyday Life)"Tamara Park tucks the reader into her already overstuffed backpack, giving us colorful memories, historical commentary and a spiritual destination. The sacred 'relics' we carry home are a worldview that is larger than ourselves and a reflective look at our own spirituality." (Cynthia Shabaz, cofounder of CDAWN Learning, www.cdawnlearning.com)

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Tamara Park delivers a refreshingly honest assessment of her Western Christian beliefs about God, and how that assimilates with the religious beliefs of others in the world. As Park travels from city to city asking her question, "Who is God to you?," she is disconcerted at the realization that she is not entirely certain of her own answer.As she lugs her backpack around from country to country, she

unpacks more and more of the ambivalence of her own religious upbringing. Whether it be in Rome, Sarajevo, Macedonia, Turkey or Jerusalem, she keeps the reader entertained with travel anecdotes fused with "divine moments" that both perplex, amaze and humble her.At the close of the book, not only has Park's notion of God been expanded, but the reader has also done the same.Recommended for anyone who loves to travel and explore -- whether it be the amongst countries of the world or the complex workings of the soul.

Tamara Park's book is more than just a journal of her amazing trek from Italy to Israel - it's a look inside the author's heart as she wrestles with her own understanding of who God is, what prayer is, where to find moments of the sacred, how to accept hospitality, generosity, struggles and constipation. Yes, you heard me... constipation. This book is viscerally real - and surprisingly educational. With each visit you not only get Tamara's blow by blow, but she also drops educational factoids on you about the local governments, recent skirmishes, what various people groups think about Americans, and what mayonnaise does to your intestines. I hope the many pictures and sketches that were taken get compiled into a companion book one day. Great read! Great stories!

It's an intriguing concept: pack your bags and take a journey from Rome to Jerusalem, dialoguing with people of all walks of life and jotting down their descriptions of God. In less confident hands, it could have been bobbled, turned into a mushy mess or a preachy tome. Instead, Tamara Park lends it an air of humility and honesty as she seeks to deal with her own frustrations and questions--despite her extensive education in theology.Park loosely follows in the steps of Saint Helena, Constantine's mother, tracking the influence and history of religion between two renowned holy cities. She not only gives readers interesting details about the various countries she visits, she introduces us to Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, agnostics, and atheists. I've traveled in many of the same countries, and learned new things myself while reading. She peels back the facades of politics and strife, hoping to find something deeper, more peaceful, more like the teachings of Jesus himself. In so doing, we get glimpses at various societies and religions. We have our own stereotypes challenged, as we meet others on their own pilgrimages through life.In many ways, Park lends this a deeply personal aspect, through her own struggles with being single, with embarrassing intestinal issues, and with knowing God. In other ways, I felt distant from her relationships with her travel companions and the grittier side of all that goes on in a forty-day journey with others. Overall, though, "Sacred Encounters" is an enjoyable and enriching journey, one I'd recommend to all who hunger spiritually.

Sacred Encounters is a travel narrative, but like any good travel narrative the physical journey is mirrored by an equally fascinating spiritual journey. The book recounts Tamara's adventures as she follows the traditional pilgrims path from Rome to Jerusalem. This sort of pilgrimage generally is used as a means to encounter the divine along the way. But beyond expecting to catch glimpses of God in traditional holy sites, Tamara structured her journey to encounter the sacred in others. So along the journey one reads of her seeking out strangers on benches and asking them to describe God. The result is a spiritual exploration that reflects the diversity of ways to encounter God. As she travels amidst Jews, Muslims, Christians, and agnostics she attempts to understand her own faith and define what she is looking for on the journey. What she discovers are not exactly answers, but a global faith community that speaks the same language despite differences.What I enjoyed most about the book was how raw and real it was. It wasn't some highly structured narrative that merely instructs the reader on religious dogmas and historical events. It was the honest spiritual quest of a woman who wasn't afraid to face her fears or acknowledge the reality of a situation. She doesn't overspiritualize anything and we get the gritty details of her journey alongside the spiritual insights. I like reading when she's just too tired to visit one more church, or too sick to care. I liked how she wasn't afraid to acknowledge her prejudices and admit when she didn't understand something. It made the book real and more accessible.So if you'd like to discover more about pilgrimage holy sites or simply want to understand what an open-minded spiritual quest looks like, I recommend checking out Sacred Encounters.

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