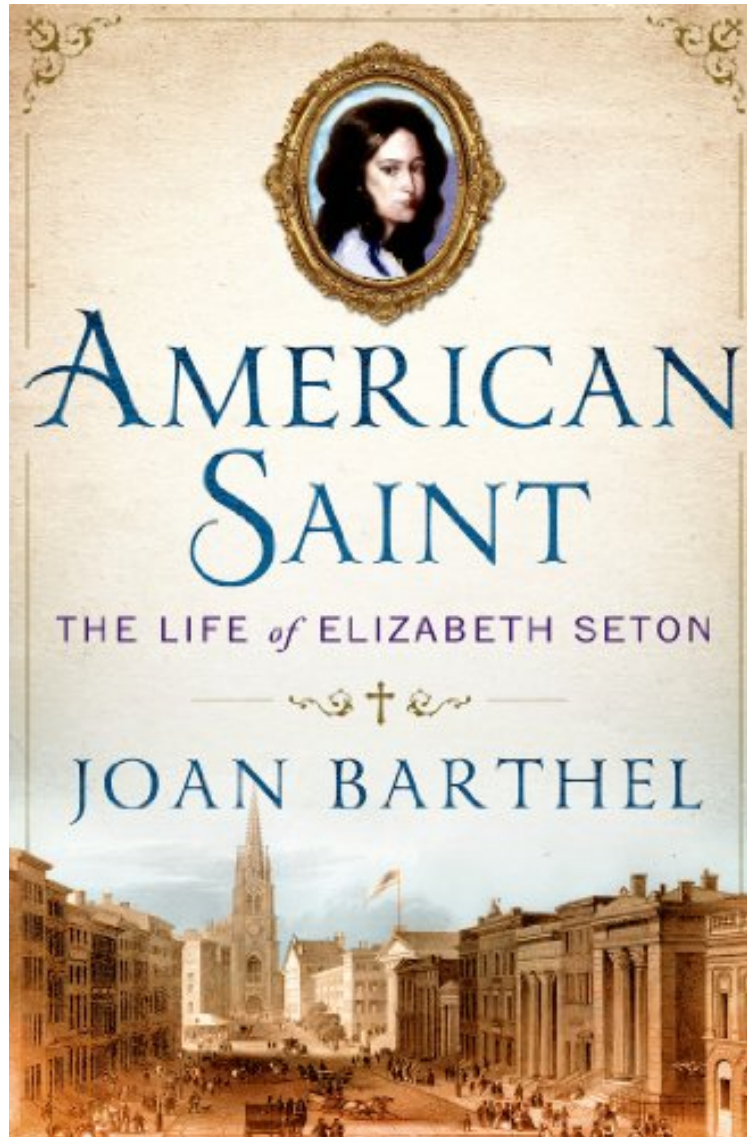


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good Introduction To America's Fisrt Saint Von James Gallen Elizabeth Ann Seton has an unusual story for a saint. Born in New York in 1774 to a prominent Loyalist physician, Elizabeth Bayley grew up amidst the cream of Colonial and American society. Always drawn to God, Elizabeth drank deeply of the Protestant faith of her culture. Marrying

William Seton, Elizabeth lived the hard life of her day, during which she watched her husband and daughters sicken and die before her own death at the age of 46. As tuberculosis weakened her husband, they traveled to Italy in a vain search for a cure. After Williams death, Elizabeth spent time with the Filicchi family who introduced her to Catholicism. From this experience Elizabeth decided to convert, which she did in 1805. Four years later she founded the Daughters of Charity, the first community of Catholic Sisters who were active in the world as opposed to being contemplatives. Besides her unusual route to the Church and religious life, St. Elizabeth had the distinction of being a religious sister while still having children who needed her care. Her sanctity in her life as wife, mother and sister led to her canonization as the first native-born American saint. American Saint provides a fairly quick, easy to read survey of St. Elizabeths life. At times it presents her story more as a hagiography in which we are told that she was holy, rather than just being presented the facts so that we can see her sanctity for ourselves. Author Joan Barthel tends to focus on the Bayley and Seton families than on demonstrating how Elizabeth lived a saintly life. She does do a good job in portraying Elizabeth as an initiator of the tradition of strong, religious women whose communities have remained under male domination to this day. In this Barthel does let an agenda peak through. A reader who is seeking an introduction to the life of St. Elizabeth Seton and the church of her day would do well in picking up American Saint.

Kurzbeschreibung In this riveting biography of Elizabeth Seton critically acclaimed and bestselling author Joan Barthel tells the mesmerizing story of a woman whose life featured wealth and poverty, passion and sorrow, love and loss. Elizabeth was born into a prominent New York City family in 1774. Her father was the chief health officer for the Port of New York and she lived down the block from Alexander Hamilton. She danced at George Washington's sixty-fifth Birthday Ball wearing cream slippers, monogrammed. Catholicism was illegal in New York when she was born; Catholic priests seen in the city were arrested, sometimes hung. When Elizabeth and her wealthy husband Will sailed to Italy in a doomed attempt to cure his tuberculosis, she and her family were quarantined in a damp dungeon. And when Elizabeth later became a Catholic, she was so scorned that people talked of burning down her house. American Saint is the inspiring story of a brave woman who forged the way for the other women who followed and who made a name for herself in a world entirely ruled by men. Elizabeth resisted male clerical control of her religious order, as nuns are doing today, and the publication of her story could not be more timely. Maya Angelou has contributed the foreword. Pressestimmen Advance Praise for "American Saint" "A significant book, fascinating in its portrayal of a groundbreaking woman, and a great pleasure to read." --Mary Higgins Clark "A wonderful, terrifying book . . . Remarkable." --Nick Clooney "Barthel is a fine and insightful observer of this larger-than-life woman who was so far ahead two hundred years ago that we're still catching up with her." --Gloria Steinem "A rich and moving chronicle of faith." --Tilar J. Mazzeo, "New York Times" bestselling author of "The Widow Clicquot" "Thoughtful, sensitive, inspiring, provocative, and reliable." --James Martin, SJ, author of "My Life with the Saints" "American Saint - The Life of Elizabeth Seton" is a map which allows us to follow the journey of this remarkable woman. We are able to examine each stop she made along the way and we are amazed at her courage to get up and start her journey again, against visible and tangible odds." --Maya Angelou, from her foreword for "American Saint" "A significant book, fascinating in its portrayal of a groundbreaking woman, and a great pleasure to read." --Mary Higgins Clark "A wonderful, terrifying book . . . Remarkable." --Nick Clooney "Barthel is a fine and insightful observer of this larger-than-life woman who was so far ahead two hundred years ago that we're still catching up with her." --Gloria Steinem "A rich and moving chronicle of faith." --Tilar J. Mazzeo, New York Times bestselling author of "The Widow Clicquot" "Thoughtful, sensitive, inspiring, provocative, and reliable." --James Martin, SJ, author of "My Life with the Saints" "American Saint - The Life of Elizabeth Seton" is a map which allows us to follow the journey of this remarkable woman. We are able to examine each stop she made along the way and we are amazed at her courage to get up and start her journey again, against visible and tangible odds." --Maya Angelou, from her foreword for American Saint "A significant book, fascinating in its portrayal of a groundbreaking woman, and a great pleasure to read." --Mary Higgins Clark "A wonderful, terrifying book . . . Remarkable." --Nick Clooney "Barthel is a fine and insightful observer of this larger-than-life woman who was so far ahead two hundred years ago that we're still catching up with her." --Gloria Steinem "A rich and moving chronicle of faith." --Tilar J. Mazzeo, New York Times bestselling author of The Widow Clicquot "Thoughtful, sensitive, inspiring, provocative, and reliable." --James Martin, SJ, author

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