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**Von Carol L. Flinders : Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent work that educates and inspires.Von Ein KundeEnduring Grace presents the special contributions of women mystics. It gives a clear and realistic discription of the women, their lives and the times in which they lived. In doing

this, they come alive as real people who faced day to day difficulties, no different than the modern day reader. In regard to some of their more unusual behavior, Flinders encourages the reader to view the mystics with compassion and understanding. Flinders elucidates how very ordinary women transformed themselves into extraordinary individuals who made extraordinary contributions. She further illustrates how these women belong to us all and gives every female reader a legacy which she can claim as her own.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Positively inspiring! Von Ein Kunde A wonderfully inspiring book that makes one hungry for more! There is enough here to provide a good picture of each of the women described, but inevitable, you will want to go out and get more material on your favorite one or two (in my case, Teresa of Avila and "crazy" Mechthild.) The work is not at all full of feminist "prejudice" (though its modern perspective was obviously too much for fearful conservative "Frances" below). On the contrary, it shows exquisite respect for the full potential of a compassionate, truly "Catholic" -- all-embracing -- Christianity.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Finally a book does justice to women mystics Von Ein Kunde This book provides inspiring insights into two subjects which are rarely given fair analysis: (1) women saints and (2) the mystical experience. By definition the mystical experience is difficult to explain or analyze in words, but the author's approach and beautiful references help make the experiences of these saints come to life -- and these saints are not the life-denying, intellectual complex, emotionally stunted type, but the divinely inspired type. I would not call the author's perspective feminist but one free of conventional masculine/church biases. I will reread this book often.

Kurzbeschreibung Astonishingly relevant portraits of the lives of seven women mystics Known to more than a million readers as the coauthor of the classic vegetarian cookbook *Laurel's Kitchen*, Carol Lee Flinders looks to the hunger of the spirit in *Enduring Grace*. In these striking and sustaining depictions of seven remarkable women, Flinders brings to life a chorus of wisdom from the past that speaks with remarkable relevance to our contemporary spiritual quests. From Clare of Assisi in the Middle East to Threse of Lisieux in the late nineteenth century, Flinders's compelling and refreshingly informal portraits reveal a common foundation of conviction, courage, and serenity in the lives of these great European Catholic mystics. Their distinctly female voices enrich their writings on the experience of the inner world, the nourishing role of friendship and community in our lives, and on finding our true work. At its heart, *Enduring Grace* is a living testament to how we can make peace with sorrow and disappointment and bring joy and transcendence into our lives..deIt's deeply and beautifully appropriate that this book by the author of the classic cookbook *Laurel's Kitchen* should begin with a quote from one of our greatest writers on food, M.F.K. Fisher. "It seems to me," Fisher writes, "that our three basic needs, for food and security and love, are so mixed and mingled and entwined that we cannot straightly think of one without the others. So it happens when I write of hunger, I am really writing about love and the hunger for it..." So too with Carol Flinders. Her preface describes her own journey from the kitchen to this very personal series of reflections on these seven women mystics (Saint Clare of Assisi, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Julian of Norwich, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Catherine of Genoa, Saint Teresa of Avila, and Saint Therese of Lisieux), in each case giving us both an intimate and yet objective sense of the person and of her spirituality. Writing with grace, in a style that is both personal and informed (Flinders has a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Berkeley), Flinders brings to this project a scholar's authority along with a very large heart. The result is a real gift: a delightful introduction to these extraordinary women. --Doug Thorpe.co.ukIt's deeply and beautifully appropriate that this book by the author of the classic cookbook, *Laurel's Kitchen*, should begin with a quote from one of America's greatest writers on food, M.F.K. Fisher. "It seems to me", Fisher writes, "that our three basic needs, for food and security and love, are so mixed and mingled and entwined that we cannot straightly think of one without the others. So it happens when I write of hunger, I am really writing about love and the hunger for it...". So too with Carol Flinders. Her preface describes her own journey from the kitchen to this very personal series of reflections on these seven women mystics (Saint Clare of Assisi, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Julian of Norwich, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Catherine of Genoa, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Therese of Lisieux), in each case giving us both an intimate and yet objective sense of the person and of her spirituality. Writing with real grace, in a style that is both personal and informed--she has a PhD in Comparative Literature from Berkeley--Flinders brings to this project a scholar's authority along with a very large heart. The result is a real gift: a delightful introduction to these extraordinary women. --Doug Thorpe