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International bestselling author Father Amorth tells his stories of standing face-to-face with the devil as the chief exorcist for the Vatican for twenty-five years.

Few people know that before he became a priest, Father Gabriele Amorth served in the pro-Allied Italian forces during World War II and earned a law degree. He discovered his true calling when he met exorcist Father Candido. Ever since, he has faced the devil every day, relieving thousands of believers of their suffering through religious rites and the power of prayer. *Memoirs of an Exorcist* recounts Amorth's many impressive stories of healing and faith, as gathered by famed journalist Marco Tosatti.

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Nicholas Driscoll says

This was one confusing book, very poorly put together. Putting aside the questions of theology/demonology/soteriology/etc that inevitably arise, the book itself is just baffling, with a string of questions interwoven with what seems little rhyme or reason with stories of encounters with demons. The questions, too, are often repeated over and over again, with slight variations, so that the exorcist repeats himself several times over (and the book itself is not very long). The depictions of the demonic possessions and infestations and so on, too, often defy credulity--I believe in demons, but the way the exorcist makes it sound, there are quite a few Satanists running around with incredible powers that they can use to curse and even kill with voodoo dolls and the like. At one point, he talks about how he advises people that they should be careful if your mother-in-law has laid aside a special piece of pie for you because it might be cursed. Also bizarre, one chapter is untranslated--it remains in Italian except for the title. Another chapter, the question (from an interviewer) is in Italian, the answer in English. At the end of the book, perhaps strangest of all, if you read the last few pages there is a disclaimer that the book is entirely fiction, any resemblance to real people is coincidence--and yet Father Amorth is apparently a real person, and the book itself is listed as a memoir on Amazon. I checked the Wikipedia page of Father Amorth, and obviously some folks have been messing around with it--saying he was born in 1725, saying he tells people to go to the vet when they feel sick, that he is a member of the society of st. peanut butter. I have never seen so many idiotic edits on a Wikipedia page. But reading the book felt kind of like reading a badly edited webpage as well. I am pretty confused.

Susan says

Father Amorth's memoirs are fascinating to read. He has been doing exorcisms in person and on the phone through rituals and prayer. I learned about how the Catholic Church "sees" exorcisms. His book is written in an interview manner. The stories he tells us will make you think what causes one to be possessed. He is not happy with the fact that he doesn't have a successor.

It is a book that reminds one that there is truly evil in the world. It is all too easy in our world not to acknowledge that it does. The memoirs is an excellent book .

Disclaimer: I received a digital galley of this book free from the publisher from NetGalley. I was not obliged to write a favourable review, or even any review at all. The opinions expressed are strictly my own.

Marjorie says

Given To Me For An Honest Review

Memories of An Exorcist: My Life Fighting Satan is about Father Amorth who has been the chief exorcist for twenty five years of the Vatican. Before he became a priest, he served in the pro-allied Italian forces

during World War II and earned a law degree. He says he faces Satan everyday. He uses religious rites and prayers when fighting Satan. This book has many stories of healing and faith. Fr. Amorth is recognized as the world's greatest exorcist. I gave this book 5 stars but it deserves many more. I highly recommend this to everyone.

Mark says

Coming across this book I had hoped for some insight into the Churches position on demonic possession and exorcism. We've all by now seen the film THE EXORCIST or read the book of have heard about the actions taken by Ed and Lorraine Warren when doing battle with demons. So here we have a priest who's supposed to have done numerous exorcisms. What would be his views on the topic, his stories of battle?

To be honest I never found the answer to those questions. The books is poorly written with long expanses of writing that provide no information or jump from one thing to the next in the same sentence. There is little structure to the book that would induce a reader to want to continue on from one page to the next. I found myself dozing off every time I began reading this book prompting me to wonder if perhaps the exorcisms performed here were such that the put the demons to sleep.

I'm a firm believer in God and I do believe that demons exist doing their best to do damage here on Earth. Understanding better how that happens and what to do to combat those things when they happen is a noble cause and I salute Father Amorth for the work he's done. But the fact is a book is storytelling, in this case a true story. But the goal of a storyteller should be to draw the reader in, to involve them in the story and encourage them to want to move from point A to point B to point C and on. Here the telling of the story is such that you find yourself not the least bit compelled to move to point B let alone the rest of the alphabet.

I was left with the feeling that the intent of those behind the book was noble but that their execution of that goal was lacking. The book falls into the category of books that I began but never completed, a sure sign for me that the books had issues rather than me. It's rare that it happens but when it does and when numerous attempts to carry on fail I know that the problem lies in the writing and not the reading.

Lucie Doucet says

3,5* bizarre mais informatif

John Davis says

If I'm not mistaken, this is the memoirs that the movie 'The Rite' is based on. Father Amorth sets forth the various kinds of demonic sicknesses that can beset the afflicted. He gives a kind of nuts and bolts layout from decades of experience in administering the Church's Rite of Exorcism. He also explains how the influences of the demonic is on the increase in these recent years and of the need of the Church to increase the learning base of local clergy in these matters. He also expounds on how the devil works his way into lives and families i.e., the occult, new age, curses, spiritism etc. It was a bit unnerving reading some of the details of cases he has worked on. Even children, very sad.

An Xin says

Personalmente me encantan las historias de exorcismos y no hay nada mejor que conocer el testimonio de un exorcista, en este caso una persona de renombre. No soy particularmente religiosa y entiendo que varios lectores no lo sean por lo que las menciones de plegarias y eso les parezca aburrido pero teniendo en cuenta el contexto, no molesta.

Janet Carroll says

I'm not sure what I expected, but my expectations were maybe a bit unrealistic. The interview format leaves a reviewer somewhat handicapped because the question-answer presentation is awkward. There is no chronology of events and no factual research to investigate. Repetition of beliefs is present throughout the book. Having said that, the experiences of an exorcist are enlightening and horrific. A quick read, the book represents a fascinating look at evil and its consequences of isolation and physical illness.

Michael Jones says

Although not for everyone, if you're interested in learning from someone with years of experience, less the drama of TV shows and movies, then you may enjoy this Memoir. I am always learning...

Angel says

Interesting but, I was a little confused that it was put out as a work of non fiction-a memoir- only to get to the last page and have the disclaimer that everything within is fiction.

juan carlos says

Un libro de no ficción bastante curioso para adentrarte acerca del tema de posesiones demoníacas.

¿Para qué leer memorias de un exorcista?

1. Primariamente para inspirarte acerca de escenarios referentes a las posesiones demoníacas y ver los diferentes síntomas de una persona que tiene una posesión.
2. Te ayuda a esclarecer perfectamente como una persona puede caer en las manos de una posesión. Y los tipos y formas de posesiones.
3. Te da el sustento teológico acerca del rito de la posesión y te quita la venda de los ojos que no es una acción que dura un día. Sino que puede durar años de intervención.
4. Es una entrevista bastante lúdica y concisa con uno de los grandes exorcistas que te da detalles morbosos y espeluznantes.

Si quieres escribir o inspirar tu imaginación en este tema, hay muchas memorias que despertaran tu creatividad dentro del tema de la demonología como ficción.

Lo malo: En ocasiones hay circunstancias bastante absurdas o incoherentes que te ponen a pensar en verdad fueron ciertas. Y me faltó que me explicara los pasos del rito.

GONZA says

In several pages this book really scared me. Many of the things described, regardless of the fact that one may believe that they are caused by the devil or not, are really frightening, even if they were only psychopathology of various kinds. This is the first and the last time that I read such a book based on facts which are presumed to be real.

In parecchi punti questo libro mi ha messo veramente paura. Molte delle cose raccontate, a prescindere dal fatto che uno ci creda che siano causate dal diavolo o meno, sono veramente spaventose, fossero anche solo psicopatologie di varia natura. È la prima e l'ultima volta che leggo un libro del genere basato su fatti che si presumono reali.

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Pat aka Tygyr says

Ever since reading and seeing "The Exorcist" I have found the topic to be fascinating. This book gave lots of information on what it's like to be called by the Catholic Church to a life of battling demons. Named in 1986 as Exorcist Fr. Amorth has seen the Exorcists in the Church decline as a vocation. Meaning he had more and more work to do as he aged. He was nearly the last Exorcist of the Church. It's only been in the last decade or so that the Church has started training Priests once again. I don't recommend anyone try to take on demons without training and the backing of the Church. It simply is not safe. But this is a really good look at what the life of an exorcist is like.

Lois Belliveau says

In the Catholic church, there is a huge mystique surrounding exorcism - a mystique which my 13 years of Catholic education did nothing to dispel. We were told that exorcism is a rite performed by priests on those who are possessed by the devil - end of story!

I received an Advanced Readers Copy of "Memoirs of an Exorcist: My Life Fighting Satan" from Open Road Media. It does much to fill in the gaps. The book addresses the reluctance of the current-day church hierarchy to discuss exorcisms and the devil. I learned that exorcism is not a single event, but rather a process that can take many years to complete. Of major concern, is the lack of a succession plan for today's exorcists.

I believe that evil exists. I believe in the power of prayer. I am a skeptic of the paranormal. I found this book to be informative and compelling.

Colleen says

Just, no.
