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Pagan Babies Gina Cascone, 2003-05-20 As a child Gina Cascone would hide under her bed in the closet and run away from her parents hoping somehow to escape her worst fear But she couldn't hide from the awful truth She had to go to Catholic school Do nuns have legs Is Original Sin the starter sin for novices Can the rosary be said in under fifteen minutes These are some of the questions that vex young Gina Cascone as she makes her way grade by grade and prayer by prayer through the rigors of a Catholic education All the answers can be found in this hilarious classic of childhood foibles the traumatic first day of school the dorky plaid uniform complete with matching beanie glow in the dark rosary beads first confession trauma proper dashboard decor Cadillacs got Jesus Oldsmobiles got Mary and the race to save the most pagan babies who weren't lucky enough to be born Catholic and American **Pagan Babies** Gina Cascone, 1985-12-01 The author looks back humorously on her experiences in Catholic school including her first confession and first communion

Ingrained Habits Mary Ellen O'Donnell, 2018-03-09 Born Catholic Raised Catholic Americans across generations have used these phrases to describe their formative days but the experience of growing up Catholic in the United States has changed over the last several decades While the creed and the sacraments remain the same the context for learning the faith has transformed As a result of demographic shifts and theological developments children face a different set of circumstances today from what they encountered during the mid twentieth century Through a close study of autobiographical and fictional texts that depict the experience *Ingrained Habits* explores the intimate details of everyday life for children growing up Catholic during the 1940s 50s and 60s These literary portrayals present upbringings characterized by an all encompassing encounter with religion The adult authors of such writings run the gamut from vowed priests to unwavering atheists and their depictions range from glowing nostalgia to deep seated resentment however they curiously describe similar experiences from their childhood days in the Church *Between Human and Divine* Mary Reichardt, 2010

An introduction to recent and emerging Catholic literary works and artists **Leadership Development for Females Who Went to Catholic Grade School** Patricia Zander, Eric Hummel, 1998-09 *Catholics in the Movies* Colleen McDannell, 2008 Catholicism was all over movie screens in 2004 Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* was at the center of a media firestorm for months A priest was a crucial character in the Academy Award winning *Million Dollar Baby* Everyone it seemed was talking about how religious stories should be represented marketed and received Catholic characters spaces and rituals have been stock features in popular films since the silent era An intensely visual religion with a well defined ritual and authority system Catholicism lends itself to the drama and pageantry of film Moviegoers watch as Catholic visionaries interact with the supernatural priests counsel their flocks reformers fight for social justice and bishops wield authoritarian power Rather than being marginal to American popular culture Catholic people places and rituals are all central to the world of the movie *Catholics in the Movies* begins with an introductory essay that orients readers to the ways that films appear in culture and

describes the broad trends that can be seen in the movies hundred year history of representing Catholics Each chapter is written by a noted scholar of American religion who concentrates on one movie that engages important historical artistic and religious issues and then places the film within American cultural and social history discusses the film as an expression of Catholic concerns of the period and relates the film to others of its genre Tracing the story of American Catholic history through popular films Catholics in the Movies should be a valuable resource for anyone interested in American Catholicism and religion and film

Catholic Cults and Devotions Michael P. Carroll,1989-04-01 Michael Carroll is the first to bring psychoanalytic theory to bear on a range of Catholic cults and devotions including the Rosary the Angelus the Stations of the Cross the Blood Miracles of Naples the Stigmata the Forty Hours the Brown Scapular and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Carroll assembles a great deal of historical information that until now has been widely scattered in obscure publications He suggests why such devotions are absent from the Protestant tradition and argues for a new and more subtle appreciation of the role that Italian Catholicism played in shaping Catholicism generally

America's Church Thomas A. Tweed,2011-06-28 The National Shrine in Washington DC has been deeply loved blithely ignored and passionately criticized It has been praised as a dazzling jewel and dismissed as a towering Byzantine beach ball In this intriguing and inventive book Thomas Tweed shows that the Shrine is also an illuminating site from which to tell the story of twentieth century Catholicism He organizes his narrative around six themes that characterize U S Catholicism and he ties these themes to the Shrine s material culture to images artifacts or devotional spaces Thus he begins with the Basilica s foundation stone weaving it into a discussion of brick and mortar Catholicism the drive to build institutions To highlight the Church s inclination to appeal to women he looks at fund raising for the Mary Memorial Altar and he focuses on the Filipino oratory to Our Lady of Antipolo to illustrate the Church s outreach to immigrants Throughout he employs painstaking detective work to shine a light on the many facets of American Catholicism reflected in the shrine

Sting and Religion Evyatar Marienberg,2021-01-06 On the back cover of one of his most groundbreaking solo albums Nothing like the Sun of 1987 Sting Gordon Matthew Sumner b 1951 in Wallsend UK somberly stands close to a statue of Mary the mother of Jesus The album was released a few months after his own mother Audrey died The picture was taken on the island of Montserrat where he was recording the album apparently on the day of her death I said goodbye to my mother as I had a recording date in Montserrat and she died a week later When asked by the author if his mother was particularly connected to Mary and if this was why he chose this image he replied No but I did This evocative photograph and Sting s quick answer encapsulate the two pillars of this book a microhistory of a specific British Catholic parish in the 1950s 60s and the impact that growing up there had on Sting s artistic output And beyond that this book opens a window onto the influence of Catholic education and imagination on millions of less famous people who had similar upbringings

Confessions of a Crabgrass Cowboy William Schwarz,2007-09 Confessions Of a Crabgrass Cowboy is a tale about coming of age in a fresh and eccentric environment called suburbia As a personal memoir the book details the

vicissitudes of replacing playground bullies with Playboy Playmates while simultaneously preparing daily for the Armageddon we were promised was right around the corner Confessions Of a Crabgrass Cowboy also chronicles the cultural quirks of the era itself Dick and Jane CONELRAD Charles Atlas Tupperware R X Ray spectacles coon skin caps and anatomically correct dolls are but a handful that we now so closely and warmly associate with this distinctive period in American history Were Dick and Jane the only children in American without a surname Did Battle Creek Michigan really exist Were the prodigious privates of John Dillinger really placed briefly on display at the world renowned Smithsonian Institute Were the lyrics of the Kingsmen s 1963 one hit wonder Louie Louie as obscenity laced as many believed What hapless sitcom blew the lid off the unspoken toilet taboo by exposing millions of viewers to the interior of an American bathroom for the first time So saddle up for a leisurely ride back in time and discover what all the fuss was really about **Life Al Dente** Gina Cascone,2003-07-22

With the irreverence gutsy spirit and warmhearted hilarity that made Pagan Babies a classic here is the Italian American experience served up by the author who has been crowned the Patron Saint of Humor Before the Sopranos there were the Cascones Life al Dente the new memoir from the author of Pagan Babies brings the same wit and wonder to the telling of Gina Cascone s Italian American girlhood well boyhood actually In an Italian family few things are a greater handicap than being born female but Gina s Dad generously decided to overlook this shortcoming and raise Gina as a boy the son he always wanted As lawyer to numerous alleged mobsters Dad had some colorful clients who would regularly gather around the basement pool table to talk business drink and be hustled by junior high Gina There was no way Gina was going to turn into one of the big hair girls of Italian American stereotype but her journey would have all the bumps that come with that cherished immigrant ambition of moving from steerage to the suburbs in three generations That sense of dislocation came early for Gina as her family moved from the kind of neighborhood where old men play bocce and the pet frogs are named Nunzio to one where Barbies and frozen food prevail And though Gina s brains got her into the top high school she quickly made the lonely discovery that she was the only one there whose name ended in a vowel In our overly pasteurized and homogenized world there s a real hunger to find and celebrate our connection to old world roots and traditions Life al Dente abounds in hilarious stories but also rewards readers with a genuine and poignant contemplation of cultural identity **The**

Publishers Weekly ,2003 **Encyclopedia of Catholic Literature** Mary R. Reichardt,2004 The Catholic faith has inspired some of the world s greatest creative works and has been a powerful force in history from the Roman Empire to the present Catholic writers reflect their heritage in their works and generations of readers have continued to appreciate the Catholic literary tradition Many works by Catholic writers hold a high place in the literary canon and have exerted a tremendous cultural and political influence Still others continue to be widely read by contemporary readers and quietly shape modern society Some works too reflect the conflicts of the Catholic Church in the 21st century and capture the struggles of individual Catholics in a secular society This encyclopedia covers the vast riches of the Catholic literary tradition from its

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