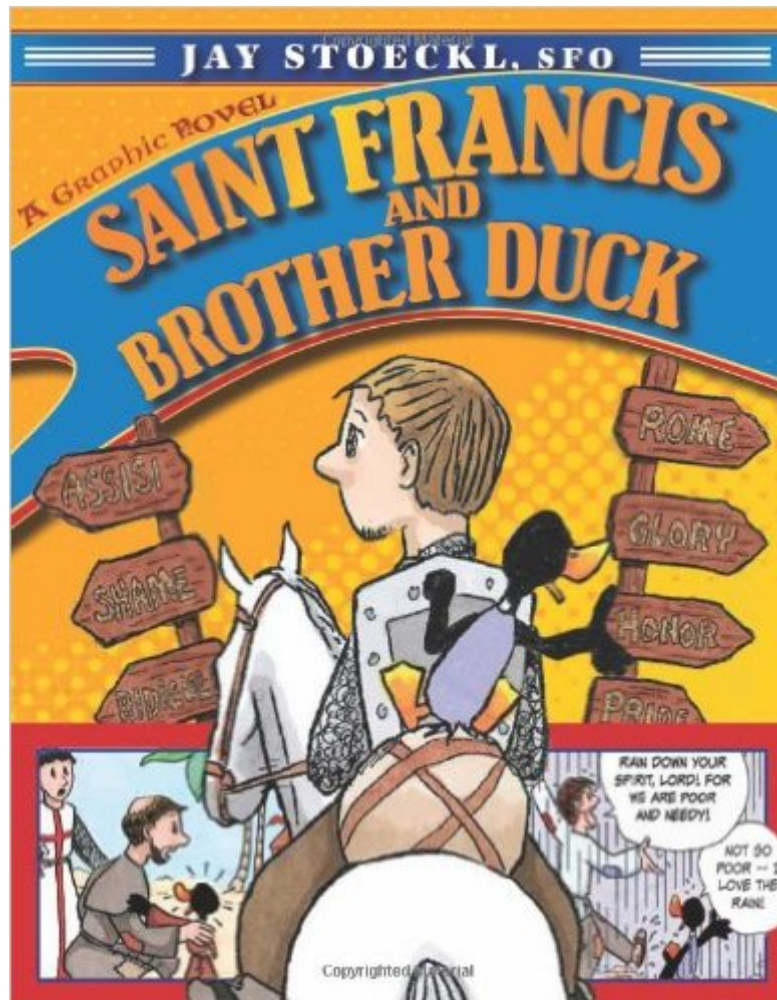


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Saint Francis And Brother Duck



Synopsis

Fun and informative! See the life of Francis come to life as never before in this colorfully illustrated graphic novel based on the real-life events of the saint's life. Set in the mountains of Italy, Francis saves the life of an innocent duck, the only fictitious character in the story, and the two become each other's inspiration. As they grow in faith and friendship, Francis recognizes in Brother Duck everything that he desires in living the Gospel life: humility, poverty, and a childlike imagination. Readers of all ages will enjoy the humor as well as the ageless wisdom offered as the story of Francis's life is vividly told, scene-by-scene.

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Customer Reviews

Francis of Assisi is the world's most popular saint. His life, his joy and his connection to creation has inspired millions of people. His commitment to the poor and the least of these offers a radical challenge to our materialist age. There are many biographies, collections of stories and children's books which pay homage to the great saint, but none quite like this. Cartoonist Jay Stoeckl was an aspiring cartoonist. After traveling to Assisi he became a secular Franciscan. Saint Francis and Brother Duck is his graphic retelling of the life of Francis. In these pages we meet the young Francis who dreams of being a glorious knight. His father sends him off to battle arrayed in fine clothes and armor. But before he sees much battle he rescues a duck from some cruel boys.

He hears a voice telling him that he misinterpreted his "dream." In Stoeckl's retelling, the duck he saved returns home with Francis and remains his companion for the nearly twenty years. The duck narrates this story and in the end this is as much his story as it is Francis's. Stoeckl revisits most of the famous Francis stories: the rebuilding the church of San Damiano, his trial before the bishop where he gave the clothes off his back, back to his father, the first followers in Gubbio, Francis preaching to the birds (including a duck), Clare joining the order, Francis's overcoming brother wolf, Francis preaching to the sultan, and his receiving the stigmata and more. Brother Duck is a simple and earnest character. He is a faithful friend to Francis and goes with him everywhere but doesn't always understand Francis. Sometimes he asks probing questions which allow Francis to share his grand theological vision.

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