

The Path to Rome

Hilaire Belloc

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Hilaire Belloc : The Path to Rome before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Path to Rome:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Deligtful!By Pablo LeizaolaIt is the best book I have read in a long time. I have accompanied Belloc through Google Earth all the way from Toul to Rome, crossing the Alps, and visiting the rivers, hamlets, cities, mountains which he saw and describes masterfully in the pages of his book. What a glorious pilgrimage!22 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Lucid and lovely and often wickedly funny.By frumiousbI enjoyed this book very much.I normally read very quickly, but at the beginning I found it so lovely and funny that I deliberately slowed myself down-- reading only 20 pages per day or so-- so that I could savor it a little bit. I lost that a little bit in the latter parts of the book.Although this is a story of a holy pilgrimage, eo not expect a either a traditional travel book or any kind of treatise on religious enlightenment. Using an Auctor/Lector conversation, Belloc's constant witty asides about the purpose of the book solidly ground the reading in the mundane. The thing is, that it is a beautiful vision of the mundane--worldly in the best sense of the word.Reading The Path to Rome made me jealous of the journey.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilaire Belloc PathBy JogotenisContains many insights through interesting travels and characters.

This is the delightful story of the pilgrimage Belloc made on foot to Rome in order to fulfill a vow he had made ' . . . and see all Europe which the Christian Faith has saved . . . ' In the The Life of Hilaire Belloc Robert Speaight states: 'More than any other book he ever wrote, The Path to Rome made Belloc's name; more than any other, it has been lovingly thumbed and pondered The book is a classic, born of something far deeper than the physical experience

it records' G. K. Chesterton says ' . . . He will be a lucky man who can escape . . . into the flaming and reverberating folly of The Path to Rome.' Includes over 70 excellent illustrations by the author himself. First published in 1902. Now republished in a beautiful hardcover edition. 60 lb. quality cream paper, smyth sewn signatures, 281 pages, hardcover.

About the Author Joseph Hilaire Pierre René Belloc was an Anglo-French writer and historian who became a naturalised British subject in 1902. He was one of the most prolific writers in England during the early twentieth century. He was known as a writer, orator, poet, satirist, man of letters, and political activist. He is most notable for his Catholic faith, which had a strong impact on most of his works and his writing collaboration with G. K. Chesterton. He was President of the Oxford Union and later MP for Salford from 1906 to 1910. He was a noted disputant, with a number of long-running feuds, but also widely regarded as a humane and sympathetic man.