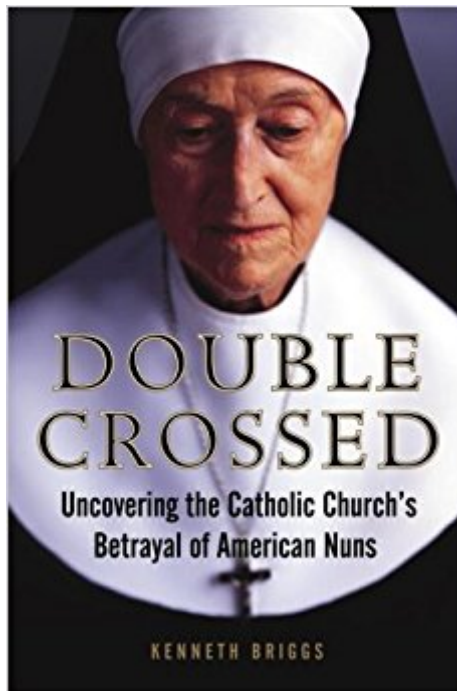


The book was found

Double Crossed: Uncovering The Catholic Church's Betrayal Of American Nuns



Synopsis

This groundbreaking expos  of the mistreatment of nuns by the Catholic Church reveals a history of unfulfilled promises, misuse of clerical power, and a devastating failure to recognize the singular contributions of these religious women. The Roman Catholic Church in America has lost nearly 100,000 religious sisters in the last forty years, a much greater loss than the priesthood. While the explanation is partly cultural  "contemporary women have more choices in work and life " Kenneth Briggs contends that the rapid disappearance of convents can be traced directly to the Church s betrayal of the promises of reform made by the Second Vatican Council. In *Double Crossed*, Briggs documents the pattern of marginalization and exploitation that has reduced nuns to second-, even third-class citizens within the Catholic Church. America s religious sisters were remarkable, adventurous women. They educated children, managed health care of the sick, and reached out to the poor and homeless. They went to universities and into executive chairs. Their efforts and successes, however, brought little appreciation from the Church, which demeaned their roles, deprived them of power, and placed them under the absolute authority of the all-male clergy. Replete with quotations from nuns and former nuns, *Double Crossed* uncovers a dark secret at the heart of the Catholic Church. Their voices and Briggs s research provide compelling insights into why the number of religious sisters has declined so precipitously in recent decades  and why, unless reforms are introduced, nuns may vanish forever in America.

Book Information

Hardcover: 272 pages

Publisher: Doubleday Religion; First Edition edition (June 20, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0385516363

ISBN-13: 978-0385516365

Product Dimensions: 6.4 x 0.9 x 9.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.1 out of 5 stars   See all reviews  (42 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #948,636 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #125 in  Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Gender Studies > Women in History #446 in  Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Catholicism > Roman Catholicism #582 in  Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Gender & Sexuality

Customer Reviews

I did personally feel that this book felt a bit academic at times, as opposed to giving us this fascinating information mainly through longer personal stories and remembrances, but writing style aside, it really gets the subject across. The fact that Mr. Briggs put 8 years into this book really shows, not only in the compelling material and telling personal stories, but also in his knowledge of Catholic history and theology in spite of not being Catholic himself. This book was interesting to me as a feminist, as one interested in Catholic history and nuns, and someone who, several times, thought semi-seriously about becoming a nun when younger (the religion I ended up choosing was not Catholicism, so the sisterhood was obviously ruled out for me). The history of nuns in America is a very long and fascinating one, and the numbers of American sisters steadily grew over time, till their ranks were swelling in the decades just before Vatican II. Even though some sisters might not have considered themselves such (for various reasons that Mr. Briggs explains throughout the book), nuns really were the original feminists. They were liberated women ages before the ordinary secular American women were.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Double Crossed: Uncovering the Catholic Church's Betrayal of American Nuns The Companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: A Compendium of Texts Referred to in the Catechism of the Catholic Church Including an Addendum for the Second Edition (1997) Waking Up Catholic: A Guide to Catholic Beliefs for Converts, Reverts, and Anyone Becoming Catholic The Catholic Catechism: A Contemporary Catechism of the Teachings of the Catholic Church Nuns Having Fun Wall Calendar 2017 Veil and Cowl: Writings From the World of Monks and Nuns The Nuns of Sant'Ambrogio: The True Story of a Convent in Scandal Kingdom of Fear: Loathsome Secrets of a Star-Crossed Child in the Final Days of the American Century Double Your Business: The Entrepreneur's Guide To Double Your Profits Without Doubling Your Hours So That You Can Actually Enjoy Your Life Blackmailed into Double Penetration: A Reluctant First Anal Sex Erotica Story, Double Trouble, Book 5 Double Village Idiot: A Laugh Out Loud Comedy Double Growing an Engaged Church: How to Stop "Doing Church" and Start Being the Church Again Who Runs the Church?: 4 Views on Church Government (Counterpoints: Church Life) As I Crossed a Bridge of Dreams: Recollections of a Woman in 11th-Century Japan (Classics S) How We Crossed The West: The Adventures Of Lewis And Clark GI Brides: The Wartime Girls Who Crossed the Atlantic for Love When I Crossed No-Bob Last Train to Paradise: Henry Flagler and the Spectacular Rise and Fall of the Railroad that Crossed an Ocean A Crossed Borderline Vol.15 (TL Manga) The Francis Effect: A Radical Pope's Challenge to the American Catholic Church

[Dmca](#)