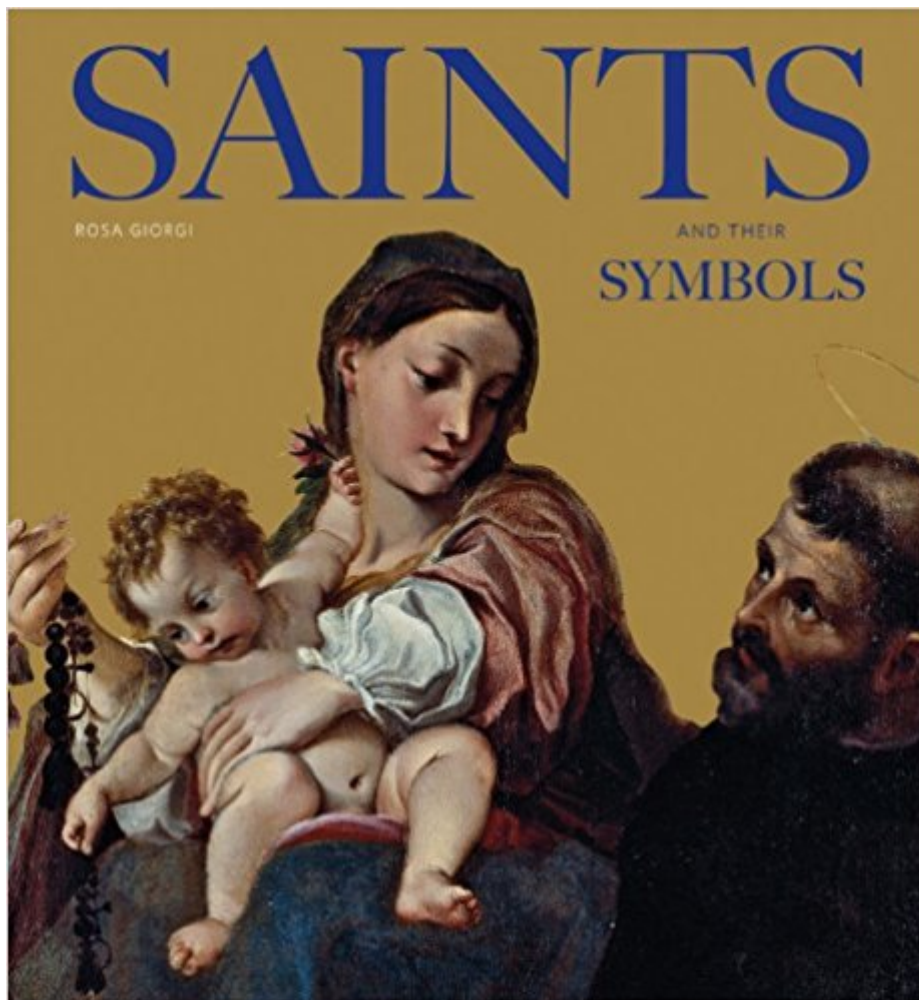


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Synopsis

Saints are often depicted with particular objects that played a dramatic role in their lives, and these objects or characteristics have become symbolic of the saints and can be used to identify them in art. For instance, Saint Catherine of Alexandria is usually shown with a wheel, the object on which she was tortured as a result of her faith, while Saint Peter the Apostle often appears with the keys to heaven given to him by Jesus. These symbols represent drama, suffering, and unbending faith, and one has only to be aware of these elements in order to recognize the saints in art.

Detailing the feast days, patronages, appearances, biographies, and symbols of more than 120 saints, *Saints and Their Symbols* is an exquisite reference, illustrated by more than 200 evocative images.

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Customer Reviews

Rosa Giorgi is an art historian who is an iconography specialist. She is the author of Abrams's bestselling *Saints: A Year in Faith and Art*.

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Beautiful and interesting book on this subject. Good reference book too. Very good reproductions. Happy to have found this edition

I bought this book for my niece for Christmas. She loved it. Would recommend to anyone interested in learning more about this subject.

great

A book with such a title would presumably have graphic representations of the symbols, not just the historic painting representation of the Saints. I returned this book because the text description of each symbol that coincides with each saint was inadequate to half the title and did not meet my expectations.

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