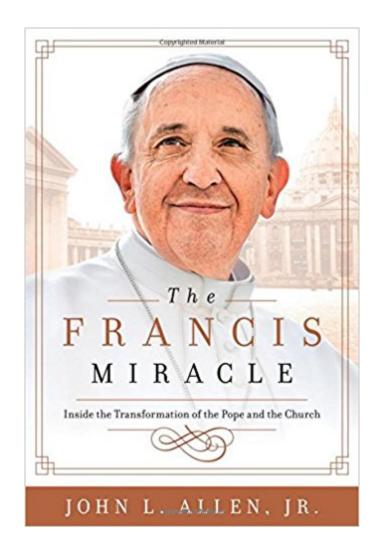


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Synopsis

There is no other organization whose inner workings are more secretive than the Vatican - the spiritual and physical center - of the Catholic Church. Now, with a dynamic new leader in Pope Francis, all eyes are upon the church, as this immensely popular Pope seeks to bring the church back from the right to center, in what can almost be described as a populist stance, blurring the lines between politics, religion and culture. With topics including women, finance, scandal, and reform at the fore, never before have so many eyes been upon the church in what could be its defining moment for modern times. Now the most respected journalist covering the Vatican and the Catholic Church today, John L. Allen, reveals the inner workings of the Vatican to display the vast machinery, and the man at the helm in a way that no other writer can. The Boston Globe has stated that John L. Allen "is basically the reporter that bishops and cardinals call to find out what's going on within the confines of the Vatican."

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"The "Francis Miracle" is an excellent primer for those - conservative or liberal, religious or secular - who want to make sense of this pope as he progresses."â •Boston Globe

John L. Allen joined the staff of The Boston Globe in February 2014, to lead coverage of Catholicism and the Vatican. He is hailed as the best-sourced and most knowledgeable English-speaking journalist covering the Vatican today. Formerly, he was the senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, and is a senior Vatican analyst for CNN. He is the author of several previous books on the Catholic Church, including two books on Pope Benedict XVI. Allen resides in Denver, but spends much of his time in Rome and on the road, giving speeches on the state of the church.

This book is a very easy read for anyone. John Allen moves from theme to theme, topic to topic effortlessly and makes connections to things mentioned elsewhere in the book. He is the ultimate Vatican insider but brings his readers along with him for the ride. There is nothing new in here about Pope Francis for those who have been following closely but the context provided by Allen is invaluable for a better understanding of the pope and his viewpoint. I'd recommend this to anyone who has an interest in Church politics and/or workings.

Very good book Well written. VEry interesting look at the inside works of the church and at the psychology of a fascinating man capable of creating excitement in the works of the spirit by providing a living example and not great arguments and nicely constructed theory.

Great book about Pope Francis and as always a fair and objective take on Pope Francis. Another great read by a John Allen

I thought it was an excellent review of what to expect from this new Pope. It portrays him as a very real, deeply committed and down to earth individual who is equally comfortable with royalty or commoner. A very refreshing and optimistic read.

My husband just finished the book on the kindle. It was a slower read but well worth the time spent. I am anxious to get started on it. I will add my thoughts when I finish. Pope Francis is definitely a man of the times.

I found the book informative and insightful. It made me more aware of the internal politics of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. I would highly recommend it to others interested in the Papacy of Francis.

A very good summary capturing the Pope's upbringing, scholarship and friendships that formed his world and religious views. Also a good insight into the Vatican bureaucracy and institutional olitics.

The book provides a good understanding of the background of Pope Francis and some of the politics within the catholic church he is dealing with and how he is dealing with them.

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