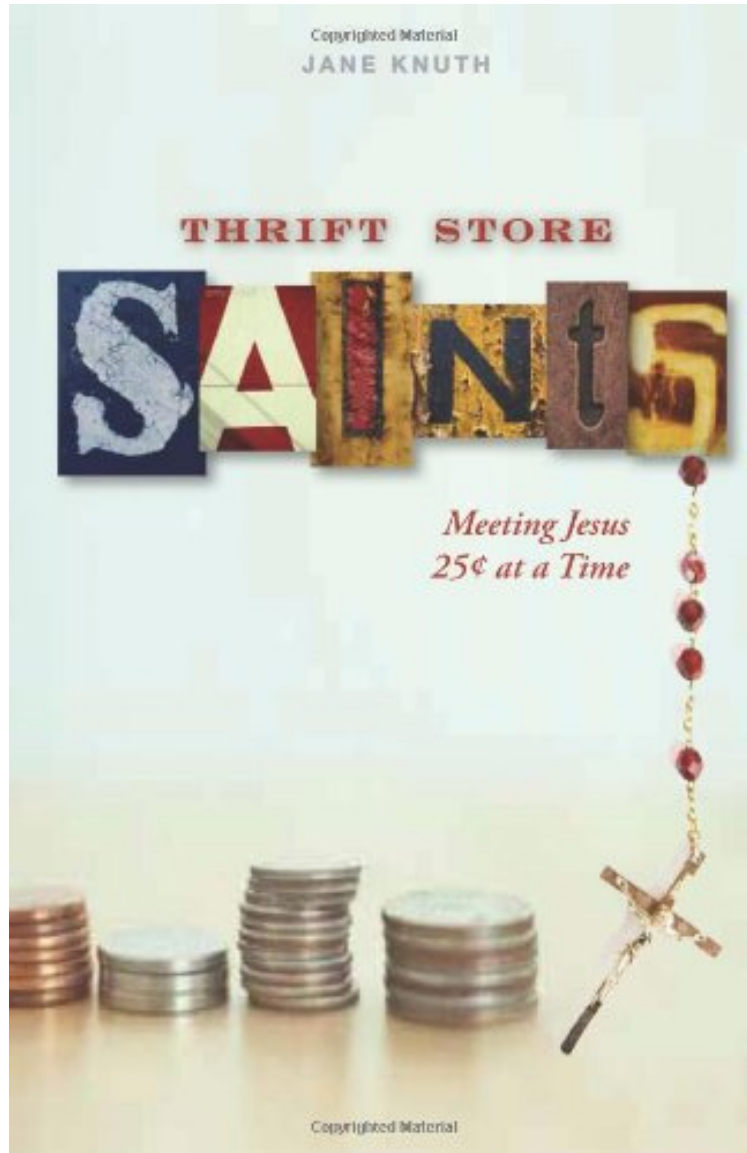


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Jane Knuth : Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 Cents at a Time before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 Cents at a Time:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well worth the read! By Judy P. Columbus In reading this book, It helps if you know a little about the international organization known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how it works to help lessen the burdens of the poor. There are 100's of these types of thrift stores across the United States this is the story of just one of them, located in Kalamazoo, MI. I am a member of this organization and this book really

resonated with me. It's a good read for anyone, though. Especially if you are interested in volunteerism and the plight of those less fortunate. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Subtle and nuanced spiritual lessons from real life

By N. B. Kennedy Jane Knuth has volunteered at a thrift store in Kalamazoo, Michigan, run by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a Catholic charitable organization, for more than 20 years. In her books (this one and *Thrift Store Graces: Finding God's Gifts in the Midst of the Mess*) are tales of her encounters with customers at the store and in the surrounding neighborhood. The refreshing thing about Ms. Knuth's point of view is that she doesn't consider herself to be serving the poor, or teaching the poor, or in any way condescending to a class of people not her own. She has wholeheartedly assumed the Society's position that the people she helps are her teachers, and she their student. That simple, yet profound, shift in thinking informs Ms. Knuth's every interaction. It produces a curiosity and humility that makes her storytelling so very touching. Yet, there was a learning curve for Ms. Knuth. In her first encounter at the shop -- as a customer -- she brings an attitude with her. When she takes her item to the counter and whips out a credit card, the white-haired elderly woman behind the counter tells her they don't take credit cards. Ms. Knuth bristles. "Look," I tell her. "This is the third time I've driven downtown. Your hours are lousy... Now you're telling me you won't take credit cards? This is ridiculous." The woman gently tells her that most of their customers don't have credit cards. And so begins Ms. Knuth's education. This is a lovely book filled with valuable spiritual lessons that can only be learned by a person like Ms. Knuth, who is willing to leave the comfort of a completely known and utterly safe life. It'll make you want to leave your recliner and sign up to volunteer!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read

By Kathy Peters I work at a thrift store so I could identify with many of her stories. Seems like I hear more no's than yes's from our agencies. A very encouraging read..

First place winner for "Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith" from the Catholic Press Association!

Thrift Store Saints is a collection of true stories based on Jane Knuth's experiences serving the poor at a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in the inner city of Kalamazoo, Michigan. At the outset of the book, Knuth is a reluctant new volunteer at the store, sharing that her middle-class, suburban, church-going background has not prepared her well for this kind of work. By the end of the book, Knuth has undergone a transformation of sorts, and neither she nor we can ever view the poor in the same way again. Knuth's transformation is rooted in the prevailing message of *Thrift Store Saints*: When we serve the poor, they end up helping us as much as we help them. Throughout the book we are introduced to new saints, as Knuth thoughtfully, at times humorously, describes how her encounters with the poorest people led her to the greatest riches of God's grace. *Thrift Store Saints* makes clear that it doesn't require heroic Mother Teresa-types to make a difference with the poor, and it even more powerfully shows us that working with them is not gloomy, depressing work. Knuth's moving stories demonstrate the profound joy any of us can experience when we see serving the poor not as social work, but as a spiritual path that leads us to the heart of Jesus.

"[Jane Knuth's] stories of the people that visit the store are very inspiring and she uses these stories to teach us the Vincentian principles of divine providence, spirituality and seeing the face of Christ in the poor." --Ozanam News