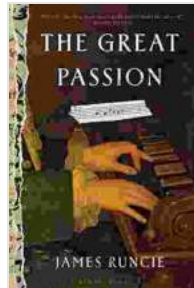


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In his deeply personal and moving book, *The Great Passion: A Literary Pilgrimage to the Heart of Catholicism*, James Runcie follows in the footsteps of his ancestors to explore the history of Catholicism and its impact on art, culture, and society.

Runcie's journey begins in his own family history. His great-grandfather was a priest who was forced to give up his vocation after falling in love with a married woman. His grandfather, also a priest, was a close friend of Cardinal Newman and played a key role in the Oxford Movement. Runcie's father, a convert to Catholicism, was a distinguished historian and biographer.

Runcie's own faith journey has been shaped by these family influences. He was raised as a Catholic, but he drifted away from the Church in his youth. It was only after his father's death that he began to rediscover his faith. In *The Great Passion*, Runcie shares his experiences of returning to the Church and his growing understanding of Catholicism's rich history and traditions.

Runcie's pilgrimage takes him to some of the most important Catholic sites in the world, including Rome, Jerusalem, and Assisi. He visits churches, monasteries, and pilgrimage sites, and he meets with priests, nuns, and lay people from all walks of life. Through these encounters, Runcie gains a deep appreciation for the diversity and the beauty of Catholicism.

The Great Passion is more than just a personal memoir. It is also a thoughtful and provocative exploration of the role of religion in society. Runcie argues that Catholicism has been a powerful force for good in the world, but he also acknowledges the Church's dark history of violence and intolerance. He calls on Catholics to embrace the Church's social justice tradition and to work for a more just and equitable world.

The Great Passion is a beautifully written and deeply moving book. It is a must-read for anyone interested in Catholicism, history, or the human condition.

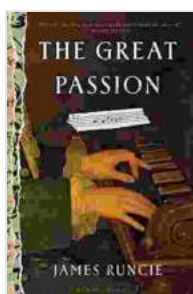
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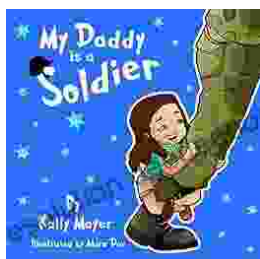
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