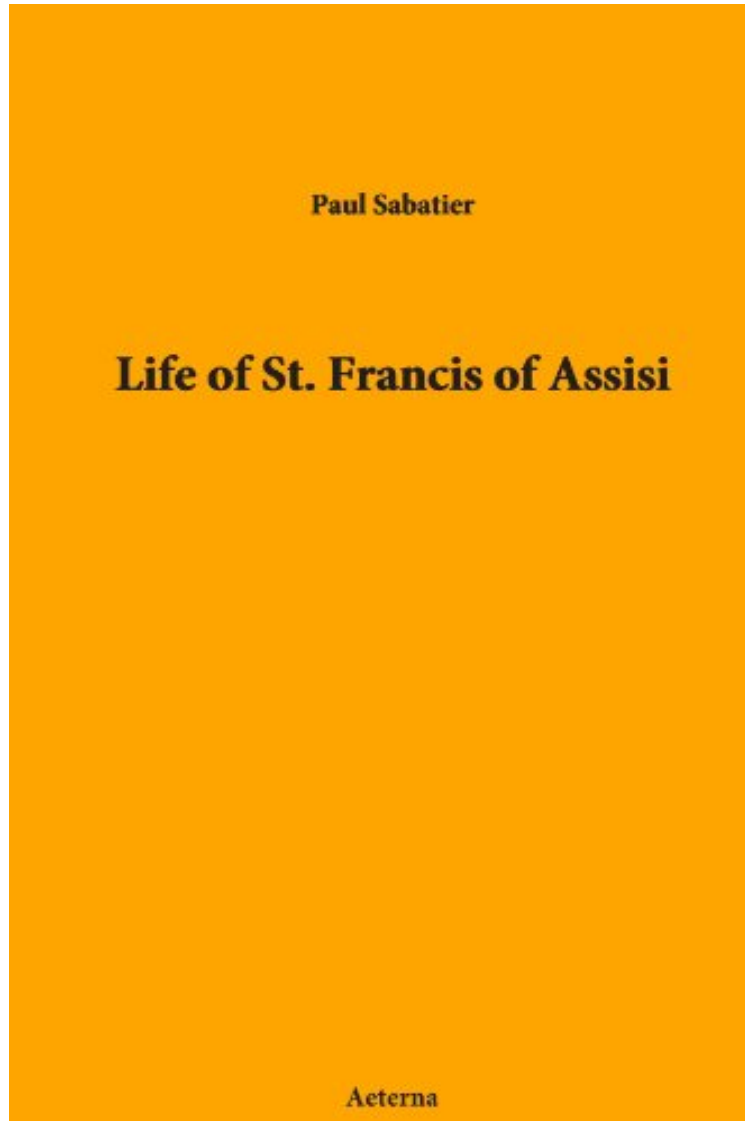


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Paul : Life of St. Francis of Assisi before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Life of St. Francis of Assisi:

25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. A poetical homage to a very human saintBy Richard DemmaPaul Sabatier's Life of St. Francis of Assisi is considered the first 'modern' biography of this great universally beloved saint. It is richly poetical, mystical, and reverential without being sentimental or effusive. A beautiful simple meditation full of insight into Francis' conman humanity, it does not transform him into a remote icon of devotion. The author's "Protestant" outlook when it was first written (1890's), now seems only mildly liberal by post Vatican II 21st century

standards. Yes, the work was originally placed on the Index of Forbidden Books for Catholics (in 1906!) because of some questions about its historical details (as the previous reviewer noted), but it was removed from the Index in the 1960's some years before Pope Paul VI abolished the Index of Forbidden Books altogether in 1966. The Franciscans themselves now highly recommend the book, calling it "nothing short of astonishing in its power to touch the heart and revive the soul (Franciscan Friars TOR Website) and so do I. However, if one wishes a 'more reliable' version of Sabatier's work, then the freshly translated and slightly edited version by Jon M. Sweeny is available here at . It is entitled ' The Road to Assisi: The Essential Biography of St. Francis by Paul Sabatier'. The English has been updated and some of the troubling details of history (minor to be sure) have been discretely removed. It also includes a lengthy introduction which explains why the book was originally placed on the Index of Forbidden books (over 100 years ago)and why the initial reservations no longer apply. There are some criticisms of Sweeny's edition in the comments section, to the effect that he omits Sabatier's own introduction and appendix citing his sources. Nonetheless, Sweeny has done an excellent job updating the English and he also includes some helpful annotations and notes right within the text. But of course, it's not free.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. St. Francis: A Model of Christianity to be Followed, if Only In One's Heart.By Mik SuttonI enjoyed this book. At times it got a bit too specific and detailed, but over all it has been somethingthat stimulated thought and action. Thoughts about the necessities of life and the pressures of the worldto conform. From there, decisions as to what can be done to simplify life and make it more focused onliving for Jesus so much more than living in the world. And then the question, "Could someone live thisway again, so surrendered to God and dependent upon His grace?" I wish I could say it could be me...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. good book !By DvalentineFast shipping and a very nice product.

Translated by Louise Seymour Houghton

About the AuthorPaul Sabatier (August 3, 1858 – March 4, 1928), was a French clergyman and historian who produced the first modern biography of St. Francis of Assisi. He is the brother of Auguste Sabatier. He was born at St. Michel de Chabrillanoux in the Cévennes, and was educated at the faculty of theology in Paris. In 1885 he became vicar of St Nicolas, Strasbourg, but in 1889, declining an offer of preferment which was conditional on his becoming a German subject, he was expelled. For four years he was pastor of St. Cierge in the Cévennes and then devoted himself entirely to historical research. He had already produced an edition of the Didache, and in November 1893 published his important Life of Francis of Assisi. This book gave a great stimulus to the study of medieval literary and religious documents, especially of such as are connected with the history of the Franciscan Order. In 1908 he delivered the Jowett Lectures on Modernism at the Passmore Edwards Settlement, London. Paul Sabatier's Life of St. Francis of Assisi was placed upon the Index of Forbidden Books by the Catholic Church because of the unreliable retelling of the saint's story. In 1919, Sabatier became professor of Protestant theology at Strasbourg.