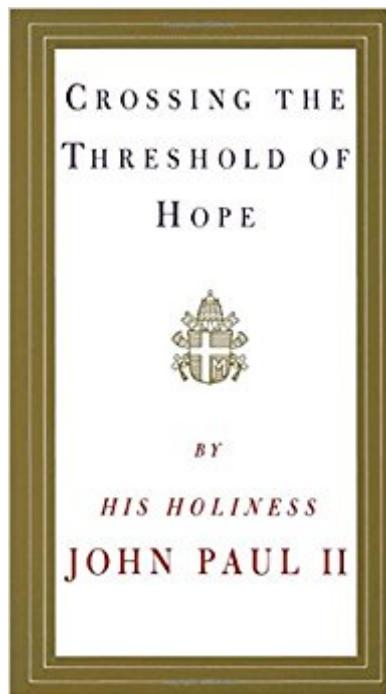


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# Crossing The Threshold Of Hope



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Without a doubt, some of the most powerful writings of the greatest Pope of the twentieth century. The story behind this book is as powerful as its contents. Over the past 15 years I have recommended this book to many of my non-Catholic, as well as Catholic, friends. Few come away unmoved, some have been comforted, some have been changed. Not for the atheist.

Difficult read from a highly educated man. Helped my Grandson with this book for religion report. Needed some knowledge of pre Vatican II and what changes were made.

Phew, this book is not long, but it took me a year to read. Throughout, John Paul II refers regularly to various philosophers - Aristotle, Nietzsche, many others I've never heard of. Not only am I ignorant of the theories, but the "philosophical proofs" method of writing has always somewhat bored me. For someone interested in simpler, prayer-filled writing, this may not be the best choice.

another great and most enveloping work of literature by such a great and nobly humbled Saint for all to be inspired

Pope John Paul II will inspire you on this read! I had read it before and bought this copy for my fiancÃ©!

Satisfied

St. John Paul's words are powerful. May read again sometime. I very much enjoyed it. I highly recommend it to anyone.

I'm half way through and the enormity of the insights is overpowering. One example: In the chapter 'How does the Pope Pray?', Pope John Paul says on page 25: "... they (The Church and the Pope) pray for vocations - not only for religious and for priestly vocations, but also for the many vocations to holiness among God's people amid the laity." I look at 'praying for vocations' in a whole new, and enlightened perspective; not just religious, but each of us in our roles as spouse, parent, friend, relative, as well as our particular occupation. Holiness in what we do. What a grand concept. Each chapter answers a question from a reporter inspired by God. The 5 page answers are succinct and bursting with ideas that bring the reader closer to God for many reasons, but one that stands out - I

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