

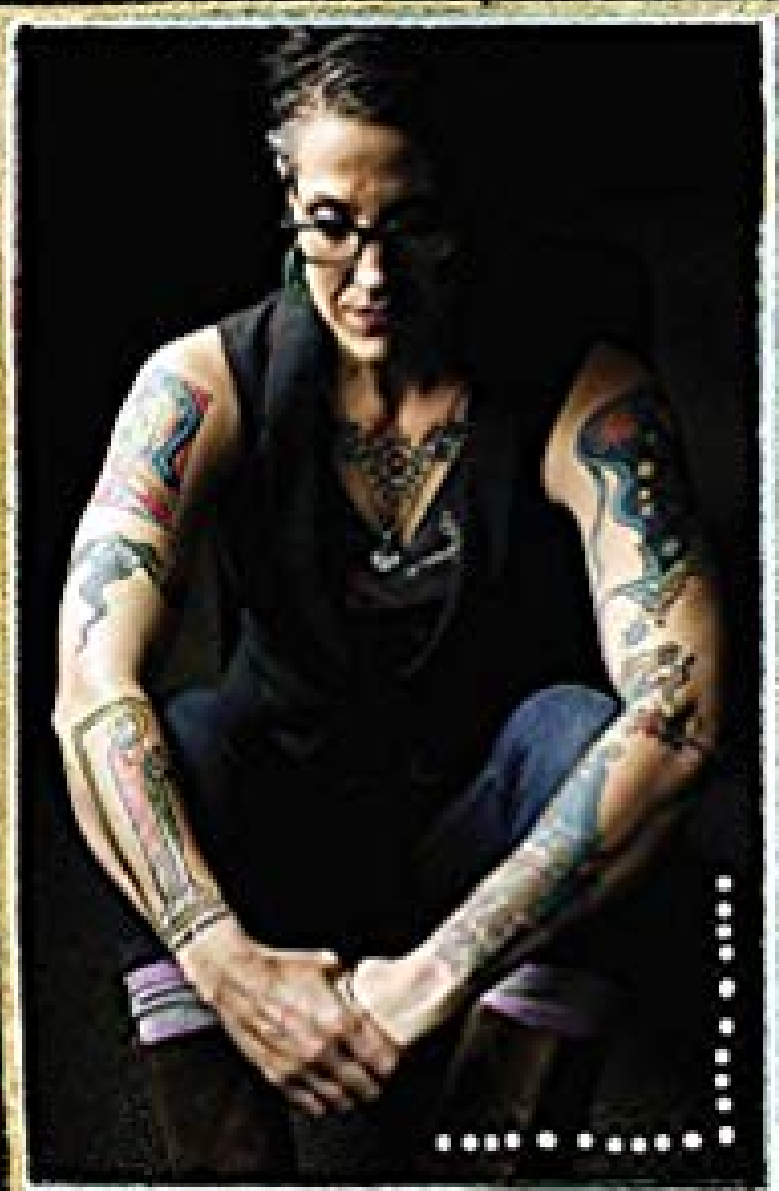
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Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint



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Now a fresh York Times bestseller, Nadia Bolz-Weber takes no prisoners mainly because she reclaims the word "pastrix" (pronounced "pas-triks," a term used by some Christians who won't recognize female pastors) in her messy, beautiful, prayer-and-profanity laden narrative on the subject of an unconventional existence of faith. Seriously tattooed and loud-mouthed, Nadia, a previous stand-up comic, sure as hell didn't consider herself to become religious leader material-until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral in a smoky downtown comedy golf club. Encircled by fellow alcoholics, depressives, and cynics, she realized: These were her people. Maybe she was meant to become their pastor. for ladies who talk too noisy, and guys who like chick flicks; Wildly entertaining and deeply resonant, this is actually the book for people who hunger for a bit of hope that doesn't result from vapid consumerism or navel-gazing; Using lifestyle stories-from surviving in a hopeful-but-haggard commune of slackers to surviving the wobbly chairs and war tales of a group for recovering alcoholics, from her unusual but undeniable spiritual contacting to pastoring a notorious con artist-Nadia uses spectacular narrative and poignant honesty to portray a woman who's both deeply faithful and deeply flawed, giving hope to ordinary people along the way. In short, this publication is for every considering misfit suspicious of institutionalized religious beliefs, but who's still searching for transcendence and mystery. for the gay man who loves Jesus, and won't allow himself to be shunned by the church.



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Precisely what I needed On a visit to Denver a few weeks ago, I picked up my daughter's copy of *Pastrix*. . . and couldn't put it down. People tire her.) As a Christian steeped in evangelical subculture from the womb, that label has grown increasingly itchy and unpleasant for me over several decades, and it had been not just refreshing to go to the Gospels and Jesus' parables through the eyes and experience of a cranky sinner/saint, but some of her insights experienced me in tears even before I'd finished my first cup of coffee. Yes, THAT Jesus. Grace. Mercy. Offers you a different perspective on religious beliefs and the Bible. Forgiveness. Since we were in Denver, we decided to go to church at House for All Sinners and Saints. Pastor Nadia was there, tats and all, but a guest preached a brief sermon during the very liturgical first-Sunday-of-Lent one-hour support. I found the liturgy rich and beautiful, filled with the Gospel and Jesus-centered. The next day I continuing reading *Pastrix*--and acquired to laugh. Other than the generic "passing of the peace," no one spoke to us, greeted us individually, asked who we were or where we were from or why we came--even though we have there been a half an hour early and were the first types there (besides the set-up folks). As well bad, since my girl is gay, new to Denver, and looking for a gay-friendly and racially diverse church. But a couple of things surprised and disappointed us: the congregation was very white (though different in many other ways). I sensed as if it might have finished about fifty webpages sooner. Guess that's still a growing edge at HFASS. Right now my husband is reading the book--and he keeps stating, "Wow. But I defer reading it for a very long time because of some of the testimonials that demonize her. This book is crazy awesome wonderful Disclaimer: I'm composing from the perspective of a much-less-cool Lutheran pastor. The items Nadia does wouldn't function in my context, and I'm not really into tattoos. But see, this book isn't informing me I should be exactly like her. *Pastrix* has no magic bullets. No Superhero who thinks they're going to "save" the church. No "Hey I'm Pastor Ideal of Awesomesauce Church and in the event that you just do what I really do you can be like me." I hate those books. No glory, all cross. Honest Amazing browse. It's honest. That is a reserve about the joyful and heartbreaking function to be God's bitch. It's amazing. It's real. We might not all be able to write like Nadia does, or start our own congregations. But we can all study from her honesty, her vulnerability, her willingness to speak the truth, her willingness to admit she does not have all the answers, and most of most her fiercely Lutheran theology. They're much less useful than wc paper. Enjoyable I was so excited to read this book! I just can't say plenty of about any of it. **BUY THIS BOOK!** I'm a conservative Christian and We say "Read this Publication!" A young gay couple came to my church on Easter Sunday. During our post-church potluck, one of them shared how they felt comfortable at our church. I stated I hoped they felt welcomed, and she noted they did. As it happens that they have been asked to leave various other churches. My center ached for them. They want to understand our risen Savior, but instead of churches welcoming them into their own brokenness, churches stomp on them and piously declare that God hates homosexuality more than any other sin. (Nobody has been capable to provide me the Biblical reference on that... Thanks Pastor for a brand new appear at a dated institution Easy to read, easy to relate with I enjoyed this book despite the fact that I don't have confidence in any one religious beliefs." Hitting us both best where we need it. I read, We hurt with Nadia and her congregants, We understood how broken they (we) each is, I wept, and We was chastised by God for just how that I, too, have focused on categorizing people than loving them. Yet, after my encounter with the two young (married) ladies this week, I opened up it. But look at the genealogy of Jesus. It includes a prostitute from Jericho and a international girl who skulked in dark corners with a man to capture his submit marriage. Thought provoking I have bought this reserve for several friends. God speaks to us in truth, but sometimes he uses a 2x4 to fully capture our interest. Nadia's book was the 2x4 I needed this week. I strongly suggest you read this publication, then spend period on your knees to know his heart and his love for his people. It is the most inspiring reserve I've read in quite a while, maybe ever. It is irreverent yet full of soft love. not too traditional Loved this book even more than I anticipated. (In spite

of vocabulary you'd believe Pastor Nadia might've outgrown by now. She loves to be left by itself, yet she is called to minister to those who would otherwise probably be unchurched. This book is filled with crass, unfiltered love. The chapter was "THE INCORRECT Sort of Difference" and Nadia confessed how hard it had been on her behalf cranky self to welcome suburban people that "looked like dad and mom," though she felt convicted that House for ALL meant "all"! Get this book and read it cover to cover. However, she readily admits that satisfaction is among her downfalls. The book was exciting to read before end. A foul mouth also helps. It was easy to relate with the experiences. If that offends you, why do you want to read this reserve? Let me point out that I am not almost as liberal as the writer is, but I've much respect for her. You can easily have a different opinion and still enjoy this publication. I simply cherished it. If one will but browse the gospels and other early church writings, one may find just this type of church. And simply because Nadia shares, Jesus 1st exposed his risen self to a woman who had her personal share of brokenness. Love. A great read! Just what a blessing Nadia is to every seeker for truth and honesty, I couldn't put this reserve down, loved it so very much, will read it again and again. Inspiring story! Excellent read if you are searching & More than I was expecting! Amazing! Also, there have been times when it seemed like the author was too pleased with all her church accomplishments. Such a wonderful, worthy read with gorgeous perspective and some great humor on the way. A great story on the subject of faith and acceptance for those who don't "easily fit into" with stereotypical Christians. The author, Nadia Bolz-Weber, describes herself as an unlikely minister. searching. Excellent read if you are open minded & She actually is cranky like I am, and (also like me) doesn't claim to have all the answers. It is tough around the edges, as if the author. Unorthodox or Just plain orthodox To many visitors this contribution to the idea of how church should be done Will seem blatantly unorthodox. How could such a gathering even in the slightest hint be looked at "church" ? I would recommend it.) Intrigued by Nadia, I bought this book. The vocabulary is definitely that of a foul-mouthed sailor. Heartwarming & But this is not that book!



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