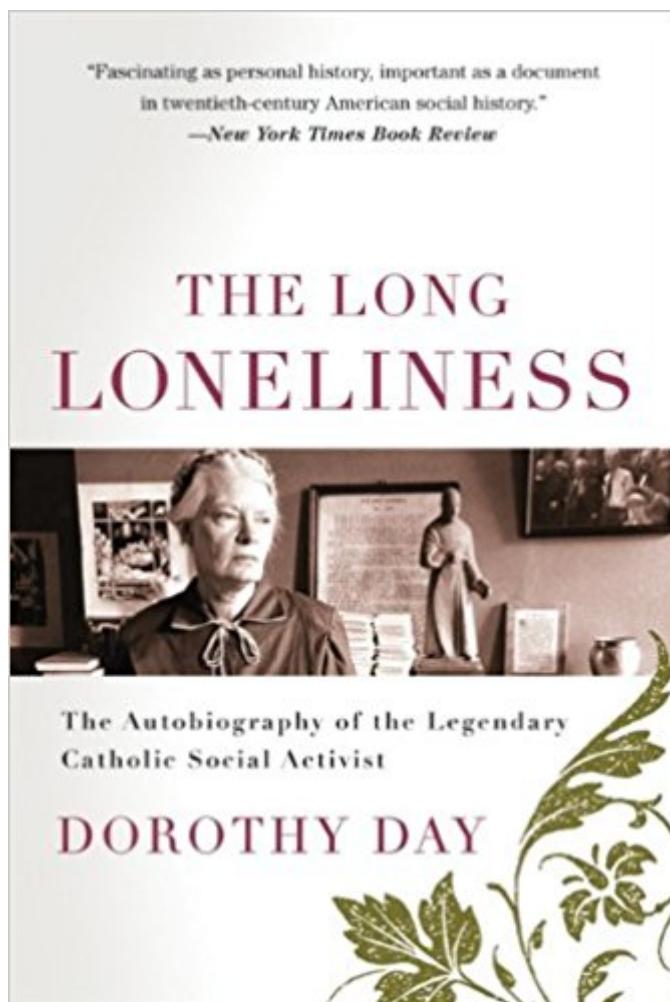


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# The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography Of The Legendary Catholic Social Activist



## Synopsis

This inspiring and fascinating memoir, subtitled, "The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist," The Long Loneliness is the late Dorothy Day's compelling autobiographical testament to her life of social activism and her spiritual pilgrimage. A founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and longtime associate of Peter Maurin, Dorothy Day was eulogized in the New York Times as, "a nonviolent social radical of luminous personality." The Long Loneliness recounts her remarkable journey from the Greenwich Village political and literary scene of the 1920s through her conversion to Catholicism and her lifelong struggle to help bring about "the kind of society where it is easier to be good."

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"Fascinating as personal history, important as a document in twentieth-century American social history." (New York Times Book Review) "Dorothy Day wanted to be good, and not just do good. . . . a fascinating memoir." (David Brooks in the New York Times)

A compelling autobiographical testament to the spiritual pilgrimage of a woman who, in her own words, dedicated herself "to bring[ing] about the kind of society where it is easier to be good."

I find it hard to read biographies. This book was not easy for me to read but it was worth reading though. There are passages that are incredibly moving. In particular, I was moved by how Dorothy

Day would describe Peter Maurin. I deeply respect and admire Dorothy Day. It is beautiful how God worked in her life.

Dorothy Day was an important person in the social justice movement in the 20th century. Unfortunately her name is not well known today. This autobiography is a great introduction to her personal life and work.

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Along with MLK, the only other saint America has produced.

Most of the time I am not interested in biographical stories; however, this one (*The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist* by Dorothy Day), proved to be an interesting and compelling read. Dorothy Day was the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and spent a lifetime (She died in 1980) fighting for social justice. It begins with her life as a journalist and was an atheist before she converted to Catholicism. She was committed to her cause of peace, racial justice and the causes of the poor. Personally, I am not into altruism and do not agree with Dorothy Day's far left socialist leaning philosophy; nevertheless, I admire her dedication to helping the poor and social activism. This kind of book is usually not "my cup of tea" but I did find this autobiography a sometimes interesting read. For anyone interested in Catholicism, socials justice causes and the life of a legendary figure, Dorothy Day, who was one of the early leaders in this field should read this book. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncate (Author: *Haiku Moments: How to read, write and enjoy haiku*).

If you're interested on Dorothy Day, a vision of Catholic Social Teaching in action, or the political, social, and philosophical milieu of the left in the early to mid twentieth century, this is the book for you. Also, reading of Dorothy Day's spiritual journey is moving, even if you don't buy into all of her conclusions. Well worth the time.

A very interesting book. One can only admire such a dedicated Christian. I appreciate hearing of her untiring work.

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