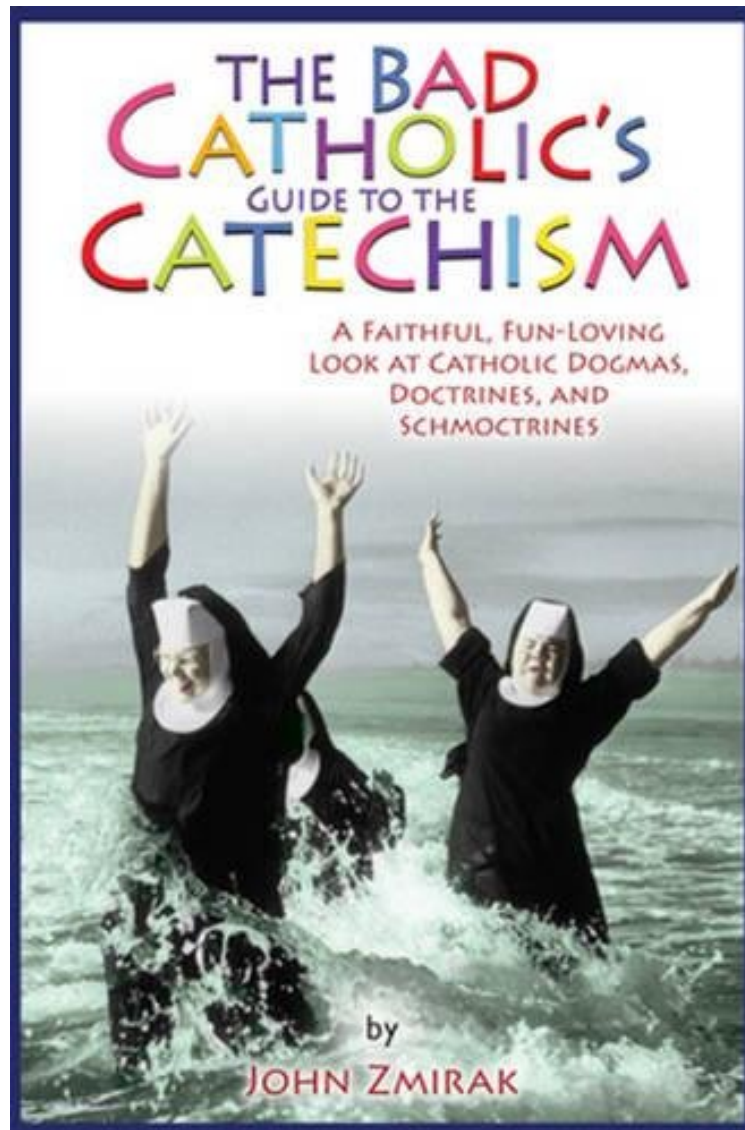


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A knowledgeable, orthodox, and rather irreverent guide to Mother Church
By Força Porto!Okay, so the title is a bit misleading. The book isn't really a catechism (although it does use the "Versicle and Response" format of traditional catechisms, kinda-sorta). [Note: No Catholic catechism, not even one for "bad Catholics", ever had questions such as this one: "Well, if he wasn't a benevolent space visitor, who was Jesus anyway?"]No, this is actually a quite orthodox attempt at redescribing the Church's teachings for those to whom they have been explained, if at all, very badly. Adults, young or otherwise, who haven't had any theological training since the mandatory four hours or so a week in sixth grade-- if they were lucky enough to go to parochial school-- or maybe 45 minutes or so a week, and for fewer weeks, if it was just their parish's pre-Confirmation class, will benefit from this book, both because it gives them knowledge they need when someone asks them "Jusrt what do you Catholics believe, snyway?" (and the person asking may be you yourself), and because it is not presented in anything like as boring a manner as they remember it from middle school.The author manages to be at once very erudite and remarkably funny (and no, pneumatological heresies aren't those that make you cough), and makes things such as Nestorianism, the filioque, and the *Rituale Romanum* remarkably interesting and accessible. This is a book I can easily recommend to practicing Catholics, who might want to to put their faith into a broader (and more amusing) context, to former or 'back-sliding' Catholics, as a reminder of what they are supposed to believe, to Protestants, as a response to ill-informed questions about worshipping saints, and to give them a clue about their own histories, and to atheists, to let them know what they're missing.Recommended.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Zmirak isn't Zmirak anymore.
By Joe W.Somewhere along the way, Zmirak lost his charm and became grumpy. Then, he wrote this book. There's nothing sadder than watching one of the greats fall apart.Not sharp enough to be cutting, but dull enough for grinding your ax.10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Curses, Catholics aren't heretics
By Michael A. JohnsonAs a protestant who attended a Catholic grade school, lo these many decades ago, it is good to get caught up on what Catholics really believe nowadays. I mean, I had to memorize (badly) parts of the old Baltimore Catechism. And was so confused by some of the Post Vatican Council liberal (religious, not political liberal) Catholics. Many of whom not only tried to out liberal (as it turns out) the Catholic Church's flirting with liberalism, but even Universalist-Unitarians.I am pleased to find that even the parts we disagree on are more logical, and logically argued (not the same thing as knock down drag out screaming threat exchanges) than some of the oddball rumors I had heard floating about. He certainly makes it much more understandable. If nothing else, while I may prefer a different interpretation or doctrine, I find (like the explanation of Mary) that it is not so far out as to be heretical, and is actually at least possibly true.The humor is generally not offensive, and certainly makes for a better reading experience than the dry as dust methods creeds and systematic theologies are written in. I especially enjoyed how he ripped evolution to shre - listed the logical flaws in evolutionary argumentation.

Masquerading behind the guise of the old-fashioned Catechism that generations of Catholic school kids in plaid skirts or clip-on ties had to memorize, this candid handbook provides a witty take on the teachings of the Catholic faith. Objections from relativist, New Atheist, dissenting Catholic, and other points of view are featured, with intellectually sound questions and bracingly funny answers. Penned by a Yale-educated author who worked both in the mainstream, secular media as well as for Catholic outlets, the study reveals the whole range of contemporary criticisms aimed at the Church—and how to answer them in kind. Using both a rapier wit and the strong left hook of a blue-collar kid from Queens, this guide defends its faith with good humor and sincere respect at every turn while illustrating the difficulties modern believers face.