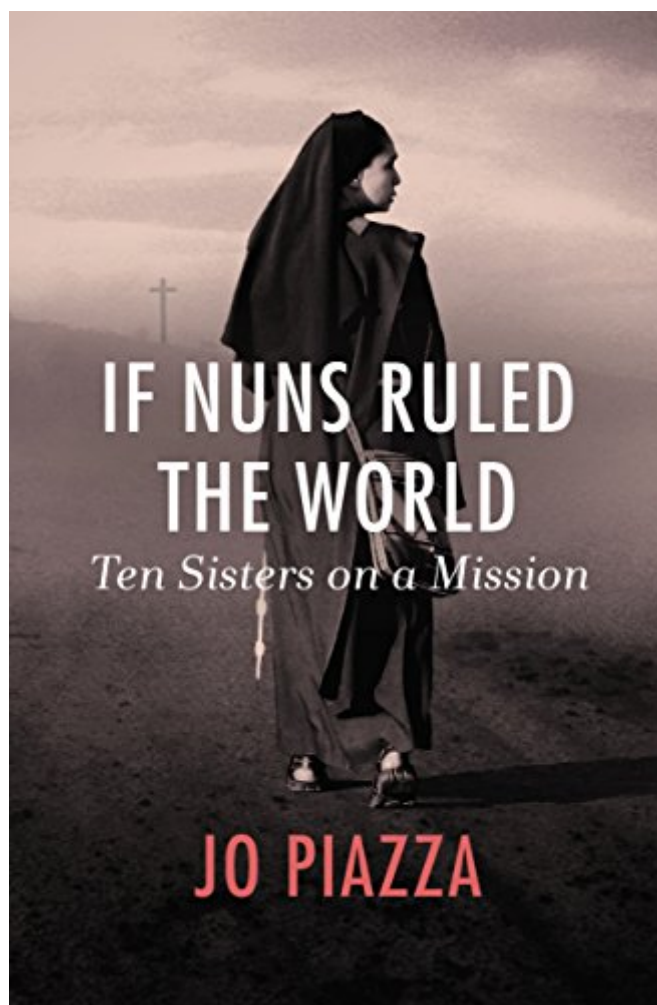


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If Nuns Ruled The World: Ten Sisters On A Mission



Synopsis

“Fascinating profiles of remarkable nuns, from an eighty-three-year-old Ironman champion to a crusader against human trafficking (Daily News [New York]). “In an age of villainy, war and inequality, it makes sense that we need superheroes,” writes Nicholas Kristof of The New York Times. “And after trying Superman, Batman and Spider-Man, we may have found the best superheroes yet: Nuns.” In *If Nuns Ruled the World*, veteran reporter Jo Piazza overthrows the popular perception of nuns as killjoy schoolmarms, instead revealing them as the most vigorous catalysts of change in an otherwise repressive society. Meet Sister Simone Campbell, who traversed the United States challenging a Congressional budget that threatened to severely undermine the well-being of poor Americans; Sister Megan Rice, who is willing to spend the rest of her life in prison if it helps eliminate nuclear weapons; and the inimitable Sister Jeannine Gramick, who is fighting for acceptance of gays and lesbians in the Catholic Church. During a time when American nuns are often under attack from the very institution to which they devote their lives—and the values of the institution itself are hotly debated—these sisters offer thought-provoking and inspiring stories. As the Daily Beast put it, “Anybody looking to argue there is a place for Catholicism in the modern world should just stand on a street corner handing out Piazza’s book.”

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Customer Reviews

This book opened my eyes to several causes. I am thankful for the eye-opening experience of reading this book.

An easy and interesting read. I expected the book would talk more on the entire impact of nuns and not just six of them. Each life was impressive in its dedication to serve others. I look at the entire world of nuns as impressive in how they wielded such a powerful influence on an entire generation (and plus) which should, one day, also be heralded. The book is an interesting one and nicely written.

For a new look at some unusual women who also happen to be nuns, you have to read this book. It not only gives you a new look at these women, but it makes you look at your own life and wonder what you could do to make yourself more like them. A great book on modern nuns.

Jo Piazza writes about 10 remarkable women who are very devout nuns. Their feats are awe inspiring but Piazza's description of their contentment in their vocation is what sets them apart for me. Their mission of service and the support of their communities liberates and empowers them in a way the secular world only dreams of. While I was drawn to this book, I doubt it will have wide appeal. The women described in the book are extraordinary but the author does not do them justice by her cursory interviews and softball questions.

A great book; funny in places; sad in others. These women can do circles around any government agency; they don't let anyone stop them. More importantly, their reasoning for taking on these issues was social justice. They worked for those who can not speak for themselves. The nuns were smart; they listened; came up with a plan and executed it. If one way didn't work; they would try another.

Inspiring, humbling, encouraging. Though I'm not a Roman Catholic and had relatively little exposure to "religious women" as I was growing up, I've had occasion to meet more recently. Those

experiences and a NY Times editorial talking about this book drew me in. I'm so glad to know more about these very special people who, indeed if they were in charge, could do even more to make our world a better place.

Great book and informative on lives of nuns.

I am the woman I am because nuns encouraged already the students in my Catholic girls high school to achieve our dreams. 50 years ago I doorbell for an initiative to end racial discrimination in housing because my teacher inspired me with a story about a Tuskegee had to send his white ex-house hunting. Good bless the nuns who are still trying to move us toward justice in our church and in our world. Their story is well told here.

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