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A brand new biography, featuring never-before published stories.

A French novelist once wrote, "Tell me what you love, and I will tell you who you are." Although there are countless ways to study Saint John Paul the Great, the most direct route is by entering the man's heart.

Discover the five greatest loves of Saint John Paul II, through remarkable unpublished stories about him from bishops, priests who organized his papal pilgrimages, his students in Poland, Swiss Guards, and others. Mining through a mountain of papal resources, Jason Evert has uncovered the gems and now presents the Church a treasure chest brimming with the jewels of the saint's life. Rekindle your own faith by learning what (and who) captivated the heart of this great saint.

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## **From Reader Review Saint John Paul the Great: His Five Loves for online ebook**

### **Colleen Rein says**

This a great read! While Weigel's biography might be the go to book on Saint John Paul II, this book is a welcoming and beautiful look at the five things that shaped the saint. I really enjoyed reading it.

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### **Tirzah Eleora says**

Great book about a great man! I found it both humbling and inspiring.

The first half of the book is a compact biography, while the second half describes his special love for five different things: young people, human love, the Eucharist, Mary and the Cross.

It's well written and engaging, and I would especially recommend it for teens and as an introductory biography of this spiritual giant.

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### **Anna says**

This is an easy-to-read biography about select topics of Pope St. John Paul II's life. As a cradle-Catholic I'm always amazed at the lives of saints and the religious. This book allowed me to be amazed at both his spiritual life as well as his intellectual prowess. Pope St. John Paul II seemed to have a photographic memory, not for books/words, but for people and conversations. What an amazing gift to have in his life! Not just as a priest, but as the Pope and Cardinal before that. His ability and love for identifying with, and spending time with, the ordinary people he served was a theme throughout the book. It's my belief that his great memory and sense of humor assisted with this.

I would readily and highly recommend this book to anyone. Even more to people looking to deepen their respect for Pope St. John Paul II, looking to learn about him in the first place, or those who are looking for lessons to use on how to become holier themselves.

Just so I can read them all in one place, here are my favorite quotes:

- "In Wojtyla's mind, injustices such as violence and the suppression of human rights are lies spoken against the truth of humanity." p.33
- "In any civilization, the death of God precedes the death of man." p.33
- "'The more deeply people develop within themselves in their interior life, the more prone they are to silence...Every great work, all holiness, is born in silence and recollection...Only falsehood wraps itself in a flood of words. Truth is brief.'" p.42
- "The more the world deprives young people of what is true, good, and beautiful, the more earnestly will they yearn for it. The vacuum of modern secularism is actually a fragrant invitation for young people to rediscover the sacred." p.92
- "We much never forget that only when love between human beings is put to the test can its true value be

seen." p.105

- "Modesty, then, is not about hiding one's body but about revealing one's worth." p.106

- "'Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history.'" p.178

- "'with those who are suffering, you must never be in a hurry.'" 

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### **Anne says**

One of the most inspiring and beautiful books I've ever had the pleasure of reading. I love Pope John Paul II and wish I could have known him better while he was still Pope (he passed away in 2005 when I was only 10). This book offered a wonderful insight into the early years of his life (how he lost his family early, how had to study in secret because of the Nazi oppression and later the Communist oppression, and how he found his vocation to priesthood), then focused on each of his five loves (Young People, Human Love, the Holy Virgin Mary, the Eucharist, the Cross, ) while still progressing chronologically.

It was very eye-opening and elevating, and it's the kind of book that makes you want to be better. There was something so loveable about Saint John Paul, he came across as so friendly, encouraging and comforting! The book had the same effect. I felt such a sense of peace while reading it, yet it left me with a definite feeling of "Wow! That was amazing!" as soon as it was over. It's a book that makes you want to be better, holier, and love Jesus and Mary as much as he did, pray as much as he did, and be as fervent as he was. It was wonderful and I loved learning more about one my favourite saints, and discovering what a truly gifted man he was (his intelligence was quite something -- he had two doctorates, and there wasn't a subject he didn't seem to have the answer to!). I loved it and strongly recommend it!!

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### **Joaquin Mejia says**

Jason Evert wrote a wonderful and inspiring book about a very wonderful and inspiring man. Pope Saint John Paul II, who this book is about, was an amazing man who preached love, peace, hope, and courage all over the world. Saint John Paul II is the servant of Christ who most inspires me to follow Him. I am so impressed with the connection John Paul II has with everyone, especially the young. I get so inspired by how he bravely preached the teachings of the Catholic Church despite the widespread acceptance of things contrary to them. I think John Paul II is a good model for every Catholic. He was prayerful, loving, merciful, and courageous. I think we would be doing good if we followed learned more about his life, words, and example.

I was born and baptized on 2002, during the last years of John Paul's papacy. So he died when I was only three years old. And I only began learning about him much later after he was canonized on 2014 when I was twelve years old. At that age though, I did not really understand his teachings on human dignity and marriage. But now I understand them. But I don't just understand his teachings, I now get inspired by his life and example. The example John Paul showed so many people of serving Christ and His Church speaks more to us than words that are written and spoken.

This book by Jason Evert was truly a delight to me. I always wanted to read about Saint John Paul II. And this book does not just tell you about events that happened to him or the words he said. The book teaches you about the things that are dearest to John Paul II's heart. Jason Evert talks about John Paul II's love for young

people, human love, and the Eucharist, the Virgin Mary, and the Cross. I'm so glad Jason Evert wrote this book because learning about those "five loves" of St. John Paul II helped me learn about what brought the saint closer to Jesus Christ.

I'll be reading more about St. John Paul II in the future. I know the author of this book really loves St. John Paul II. I love him as well. He will always continue to be an inspiration to me in following Christ and His Church.

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### **Joanna Crawford says**

My love for my faith just grows and grows. He was and still is an amazing person to have in our corner. To have JPII love the way he loved is truly inspiring. My intercessory prayers through him will bear many fruits through Christ. He inspired me to do the Marian consecration, 33 days to morning glory. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Ann Yeong says**

Inspiring. Moving. This book feels like a 'behind-the-scenes' special on the making of a saint - a privileged look at how God crafted His masterpiece in Pope Saint John Paul II. This book is itself wonderfully written - rich in sources, well-researched, and written in an eminently readable and personable style. Furthermore, not only is the book valuable as an insight into Saint JP II's life, it also provides invaluable insight into the kind of intimacy with God and deep interior life that all Christians are called to have.

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### **Ryan says**

Not for a long time have I anticipated a book release like I did for this one. And it lived up to the expectations! Thanks to Jason's bulk pricing, I will be using tithing money to send out copies of this book far and wide. If you are a friend or family member of mine, look for it on your door stop soon. St. JP2, pray for us!

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### **Jade says**

While the life and work of Saint John Paul may be interesting, the book is far from it. Written by a fanatical author, the writing comes across as sycophantic, biased and effusive. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone.

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### **Joza says**

Some books are good, but others make you want to stop what you're doing and become a holy person. While reading this book, I just wanted to stop and pray. I wanted to say the rosary or go to Mass. I wanted to talk to God or Mary, and it left me feeling like I can be a better person.

Throughout the book, you get to see that John Paul II is very full of love. Of his many loves, Jason Evert keys young people, human love, The Blessed Sacrament, The Virgin Mary, and The Cross as his Five loves. I was just amazed at the extent of John Paul's love. It was also inspiring to read about his devotion to The Blessed Sacrament and to Mary. He could pray in ecstasy for hours. The fullness of his prayer made me want to become closer to God so I could pray like that. This was a very great book about a great saint. I highly recommend it.

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### **Sydney (booksofkings) says**

Where to even begin? It's not a story, but yet it reads somewhat like a story. A story about one of the greatest Popes & Saints of our time. Pope Saint John Paul The Great (JP2). JP2 was so beloved and so holy during his life that just weeks after his death, the masses were already calling for his canonization to sainthood. Now typically, for those of you who don't know, the canonization process normally does not begin until at least 5 years after the person in question has passed on. But his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, decided to waive this waiting period and the process had begun.

This book, His Five Loves, shows exactly why this 5 year waiting period was waived. This memoir/biography about JP2 is split in to two main sections while just being divided into chapters. The first section is a biography of sorts about his life growing up, his priesthood all the way leading up to his election as Pope after JP1 passed away (and predicted that the next one would be JP2, like this guy told the cardinals they would choose again very soon).

Karol Józef Wojty?a was born in Poland in 1920. Which means he was raised during World War 2 and to read about all the trials and tribulations it is clear that this man was blessed from the beginning. To read about his priesthood and just how much he gives to his parish is awe inspiring. And to read about his wit is an absolute delight. For many of us, JP2 died when we were too young to truly understand who this great man was. And this book makes me truly wish he had lived so much longer and that i could have encountered and truly felt his blessings on my life. He is the Pope that did so much for the world and for the Catholic faith.

The second part of the book is about his 5 great loves of his papacy. Each chapter dives deep into his experiences surrounding each of these 5 loves during his papacy while still cataloging his timeline and his life in general. These 5 loves give so much insight and inspiration through this great man and makes it extremely clear just how much of a living saint this man was.

He truly is Pope Saint John Paul the Great.

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### **Katie says**

Everyone should read this book. Not just every Catholic, not just every Catholic, every human.

There is SO much we can learn from Saint (!) John Paul the Great, that I somewhat expected this book to be but a brief introduction to this great man. And it was...but it was so much more. The book is split into 2 parts: the first part is a short biography of the saint where we get to know him a little bit more by the various names he was known as in life, and the second part then dives deeper into the "5 loves" of JPII, exploring the greatest themes and devotions of his life and ministry.

Through reading this book, I often found myself in tears...for many different reasons. Sometimes because I was struck by how a particular story was far too mysterious to be anything less than a miracle; sometimes because another story made me realize how little I knew of this saint while he was on earth and finding myself sorry to have missed that opportunity to know him more as our pope; and sometimes because I started to feel the joys and the sorrows of his life and ministry and was amazed to share such human traits with such a holy person.

Jason Evert's book is both a brilliant introduction to Pope Saint John Paul the Great (I will surely use his bibliography to build up my reading list with more of JPII's writings) and an intimate look at one of the greatest men, and most holy saints, of our modern times. We have much to learn from him, and he is just waiting to speak to us lovingly with the communion of saints.

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### **Mike says**

I'm speechless after reading this book! Saint John Paul the Great was truly a saint and truly great.

From his first breath to his last, he was different than all the rest of us. Forged in the furnace of affliction, he became one of God's most treasured gifts to mankind during the 20th century - and more than 4 years of the 21st century.

Reading this book is certainly a challenge to personal holiness and dedication to God and the Church. Pope John Paul II was great because he cultivated a great interior life in Christ through countless hours of prayer.

There are so many wonderful words that could be uttered by human voices in every tongue known to mankind to describe this giant of a man.

The best way to remember him is to remember him as he wished - a man of the people. Yes, he was truly a man of God, a man after God's own heart, but he was always happy just to be around people.

We miss you, John Paul the Second!

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### **jenny says**

im 13 & i have three copies of this book at home from family members, one who is a brother of the catholic church. when i first read this book i became so interested about everything. this book is absolutely amazing. its detailed with information and i just love reading this book. i hope you'll love this book too if you read it.

this is book is definitely 10 out of 5 stars!!!

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### **Cheenee says**

A very, very inspiring book about Pope John Paul the great. The stories are organised by theme rather than merely chronological. Enjoyed reading it so much and would like to know more about Pope John Paul.

