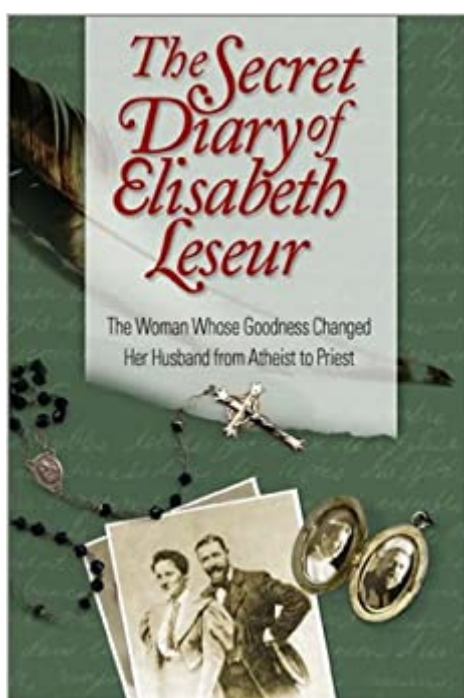


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The Secret Diary Of Elisabeth Leseur: The Woman Whose Goodness Changed Her Husband From Atheist To Priest



Synopsis

This inspiring book gives you a splendid example of how to live as a Christian in a secular environment that can be indifferent or hostile to your Faith. For Elisabeth Leseur had two great loves: God and her husband Felix, who was an atheist. Felix loved Elisabeth as well; yet to their mutual sorrow, he couldn't share the life of the Spirit that Elisabeth cherished. Occasionally the happiness of their life together in upper-class Parisian society was shattered by Felix's frustration and impatience. How could such an intelligent woman waste her time, as he saw it, with ignorant superstitions? Sometimes he and his friends would even ridicule and mock her faith. But Elisabeth loved Felix too much to allow their home to degenerate into an emotional war zone. She realized that confrontations and arguments were useless; she chose instead to keep quiet and pray for Felix. In her secret diary she recorded how she used his efforts to destroy her faith as means to grow in love for him and for God. Throughout their life together, it grieved Elisabeth to think that Felix might be separated from her for all eternity because of his rejection of God. For her, life in Heaven wouldn't be happy without him. Yet when she died prematurely, Felix was still an unbeliever. The story doesn't end there. When Felix found this diary, he discovered how Elisabeth's whole life bore witness to the truth of the God she loved. In time, Felix was transformed by the diary and his memories of Elisabeth. He became a Christian and, later, a priest. Now she may even be declared a saint. Elisabeth's diary and spiritual writings (all included in this one volume) map out for you a path to marital harmony and greater love for God & especially if you love someone who stands outside the Faith. Let Elisabeth's two great loves, and her faith and perseverance, inspire you now.

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Robin Maas, John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family No spiritual writer has taught me more than this French housewife about the sanctifying power of the sacrament of marriage, especially those unions that for one reason or another might be labeled difficult. A true spiritual sister of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Elisabeth Leseur discovered and practiced her own Little Way a form of sacrificial love and asceticism uniquely suited to the domestic context. Lynn Nordhagen, *When Only One Converts* Elisabeth Leseur's example of courageous generosity can strengthen every marriage, whether healthy or troubled. With lustrous humility and grace, she lights our way toward holiness in marriage, effective prayer for our loved ones, and the heights of personal sanctity. Fr. Joseph Esper, *Saintly Solutions* A profound self-portrait of a soul molded and transformed by divine grace. If St. Augustine's *Confessions* is analogous to the sun bright, powerful, and penetrating then Elisabeth Leseur's *Secret Diary* is like the moon: soft, friendly, and enchanting in its spiritual beauty. --Personal Endorsements

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Wow. What a woman. This book is good not just for married women (or married people), although if you are a woman in an unhappy marriage, this could be extremely helpful for you. This book is good for ALL Christians, married and unmarried, male and female. This woman is clearly a saint, and she shares what is essentially the secret of life for all of us: dying to self for the good of the other. Don't miss this story.

I love this book.. I have read it once, but decided to read it again.. The second time around has even caught my deeper attention stronger than the first time I read it..I am so amazed at what deep love and faith Elisabeth Leseur grew into as she continued her prayers and asking God for greater faith, love and humility.Her writings have given me greater courage to act upon my own faith, and trust deeper in God for all that I think I need, and what I truly need as He knows it. Also, to rely on Him for my future regardless of how it turns out.I've discovered even more deeply, by reading this book, that God is truly faithful and when things don't go the way I think they should go, that I can trust that it is His divine Will, and I can relax in peace knowing that.If someone is longing for a deeper faith journey, I strongly recommend this book.If someone is an atheist or agnostic, I strongly encourage

them to read this book. And let God draw them to Himself as He so longs to do. A+++++ rating... PERFECT SCORE!!!! I will recommend it to anyone...in fact, I bought a copy for one of my daughters and will for others too. A fabulous story... a great message of faith, hope, love, and trust in God....BUY IT TODAY!!!!

Very beautiful and poetic writing. I find it inspiring. Good reading to draw one nearer to God and reflect on how all our actions and thoughts should be made for His glory....even if not noticed by others.

I found such hope, wisdom, love and true humility witnessed in the life of a true saint for all times. Here is a wealthy, married, devout woman married to an atheist, who found a hidden way to live her faith to the fullest and yet continue in a marriage full of love and faithfulness. It is a fascinating true story and is sure to become a spiritual classic. I have no doubt of this.

There are many excellent books written about Catholic Christian spirituality by saints who were priests, monks or religious sisters. "The Secret Diary of Elisabeth Leseur" is unique because it is the spiritual diary writings of a married woman. There are many married women today seeking holiness in their lives as wives and mothers. This is a book for them! They will find profound and useful spiritual direction in the words of Elisabeth Leseur, whose love for God gave her a steadfast, faithful and fruitful love for her husband. I can't recommend this book highly enough to women who are seeking holiness in their vocation of marriage.

For anyone who is in pursuit of sanctity while struggling in a difficult marriage or with any difficult people in your life, this book is for you.

Excellent book!

Extremely powerful story and her meditations are very helpful to me as a Catholic wife. Originally purchased as a Kindle edition, but liked it so much and I anticipate returning to it again for meditation, so I ordered the hard copy of the book for future reference and for sharing with other Catholic women!

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