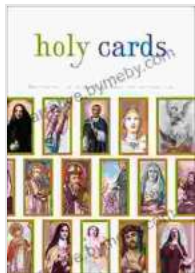


Holy Cards: A Novel of Faith, Family, and Forgiveness



Holy Cards by Barbara Calamari

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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File size	: 19089 KB
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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
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Barbara Calamari's latest novel, *Holy Cards*, is a moving and thought-provoking exploration of the themes of faith, family, and forgiveness. The book tells the story of Lucy Angelucci, a young woman who returns to her hometown of Santa Maria, California, after the death of her father. Lucy has been estranged from her family for many years, and her return home is met with mixed emotions. She is welcomed by her mother, but her brother and sister are still angry with her for leaving. Lucy must confront her past in *Free Download* to find peace and healing, and she begins to do so by attending Mass and praying. She also starts to spend time with her elderly neighbor, Mrs. Ramirez, who shares her wisdom and strength. As Lucy reconnects with her family and community, she begins to heal her wounds and find new meaning in her life.

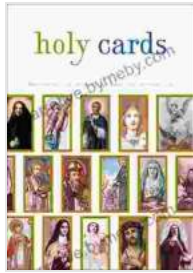
Holy Cards is a beautifully written novel that explores the complex relationships between family members. Calamari's characters are rich and well-developed, and their stories are told with compassion and insight. The book is also a powerful exploration of the role of faith in people's lives. Lucy's journey of faith is both personal and universal, and it will resonate with readers of all backgrounds. Holy Cards is a must-read for fans of literary fiction, and it is sure to stay with readers long after they finish reading it.

About the Author

Barbara Calamari is the author of several novels, including *Holy Cards*, *The Mercy of Thin Air*, and *Rumors from the Rialto*. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the California Book Award and the American Book Award. Calamari lives in Santa Barbara, California, with her husband and two children.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you think of the book's protagonist, Lucy Angelucci? Did you sympathize with her? Why or why not?
2. What role does faith play in Lucy's life? How does it help her to cope with the challenges she faces?
3. How does Lucy's relationship with her family change over the course of the novel? What factors contribute to this change?
4. What is the significance of the holy cards that Lucy collects? How do they symbolize her journey of faith?
5. What are the major themes of the novel? How are they explored through the characters and plot?



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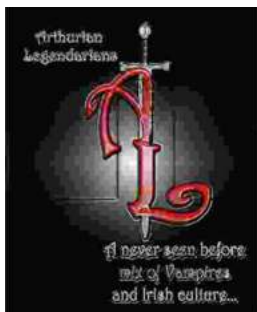
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