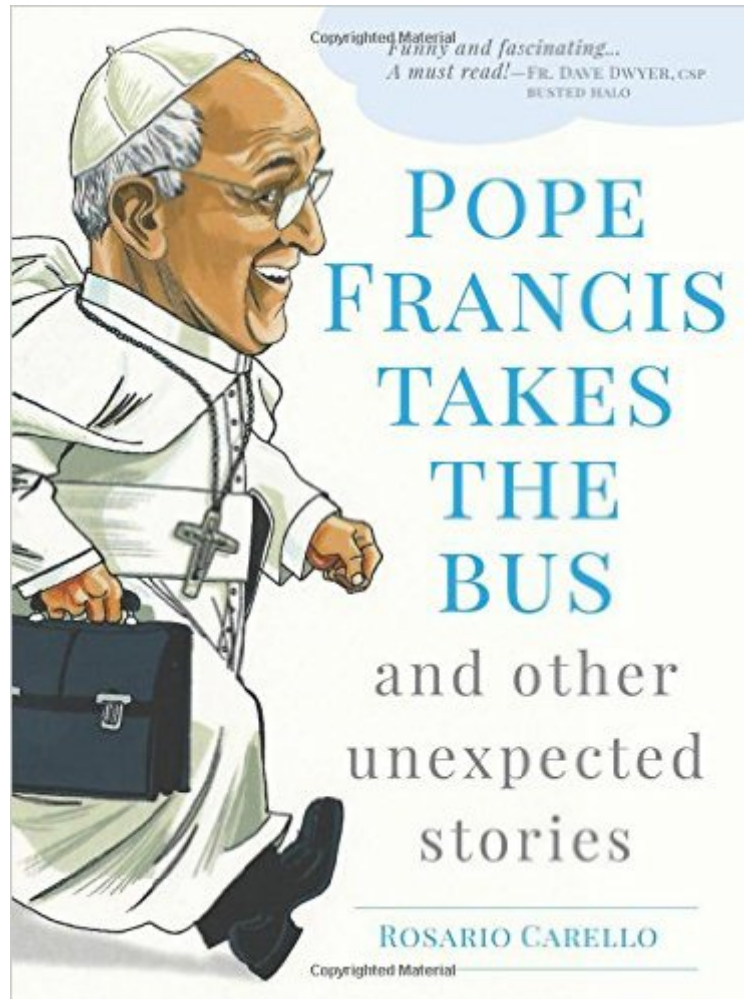


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Pope Francis Takes The Bus, And Other Unexpected Stories



Synopsis

The whole family will enjoy these charming, real-life stories from the life of Pope Francis. Following a quirky A-to-Z format, the eighty lighthearted anecdotes in *Pope Francis Takes the Bus* are full of warmth and humor, revealing the simple humility of the man whose spirituality and concern for others has transformed the Church and captured the imagination of Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In only the first year of his pontificate, Francis has already reinvented the very role of pope and bishop of Rome. His less formal style of dress, his choice to live at the Casa Santa Marta, his use of a small car in place of a limousine and his frequent personal phone calls to friends and even complete strangers are everyday manifestations of a larger understanding of Christ's message—one that emphasizes humility, mercy and care for the poor and suffering. What we can see in Pope Francis is a radical change in priorities, one that is being declared in his words but also evidenced by his actions and personal way of life. *Pope Francis Takes the Bus* contains stories and episodes from various stages in his life: as the parish priest known as Padre Bergoglio, then later as rector, bishop, archbishop, cardinal and finally, pope. Italian author and radio personality Rosario Carello's collection will help readers gain a clearer picture of Pope Francis and will serve as inspiration for anyone seeking a humbler, more Gospel-guided daily life.

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It's been a while since I've read a book about Pope Francis. I was suffering what I have dubbed "Francis Fatigue." Now, don't misunderstand me. I love our Holy Father. It just seems like every

other Catholic book since he was elected Pope has been about him. And while some of the books have been great, others have been lackluster. When I heard about the book *Pope Francis Takes the Bus, and Other Unexpected Stories*, I wasn't sure what to expect, but I thought it might be time to end my moratorium on Pope Francis books. The book is divided into eighty unique stories and organized in a clever A-to-Z format. The only letters in the alphabet not included are X and Z. (I guess Pope Francis can't play the xylophone and doesn't like zebras.) The stories cover a large swath of Pope Francis' life. We learn about his parents and his time before being a priest. We also learn about his early time as a priest and new things he is doing as the pope, like no longer making daily Mass private. All the stories are quick and interesting, but two really jumped out to me. The first one was called "Girlfriend." Apparently, while Pope Francis was still a seminarian, he became infatuated with a girl he met at a wedding. He definitely struggled with the decision on whether to return to seminary or marry her, but we all know the ultimate decision he made. The other one was called "Emotions." It talked about how he when he experiences something very emotional, like being elected Pope, he completely freezes for a minute or two while everything is processing. I can relate to reacting like that as well. I have read a lot of biographies on Pope Francis, and while they all contain the same basic information on his life, they are all told from a different perspective.

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