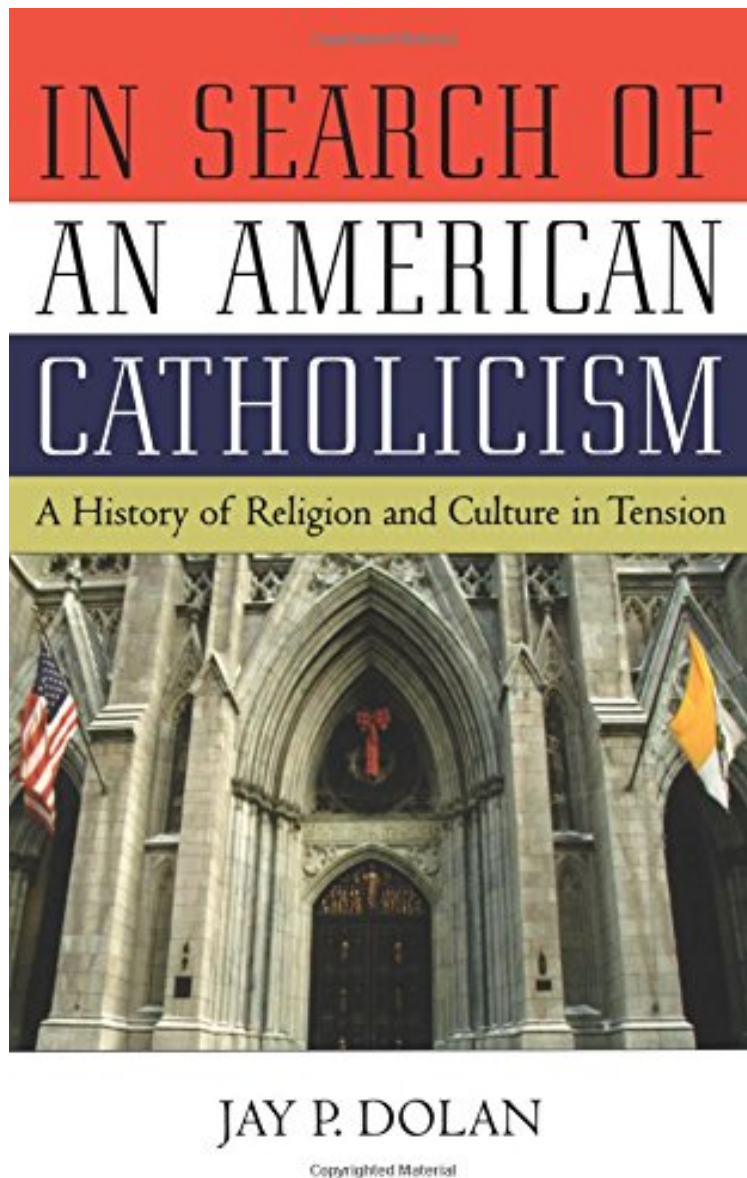


[Read and download] In Search of an American Catholicism: A History of Religion and Culture in Tension

In Search of an American Catholicism: A History of Religion and Culture in Tension

Jay P. Dolan

audiobook / *ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#1289726 in Books Jay P Dolan 2003-11-27 2003-11-27 Original language: English PDF # 1 5.30 x .80 x 8.001, .79 #File Name: 0195168852320 pages In Search of an American Catholicism A History of Religion and Culture in Tension | File size: 46.Mb

Jay P. Dolan : In Search of an American Catholicism: A History of Religion and Culture in Tension before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In Search of an American Catholicism: A History of Religion and Culture in Tension:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. is not that good for the advancement of the catholic churchBy thomas mcgouldrickI could tell half way through the book that he had a liberal leaning. He seemed to find fault with what he called european immigrant version of Catholicism. That is, devout beliefs, respect and admiration for traditional understanding of the practice of faith, respect for nuns, priest etc. is not that good for the advancement of the catholic church. That the church had to modernize and accept current trends, which seems to not have worked so far. Yet on the other hand tried to promote or embrace the Hispanic or Mexican traditions of Catholic practice along with African American versions as a way to move forward and improve the church. I found it a contradiction that one ethnic perspective (i.e. European) was a detriment to Catholicism in the U.S. but Hispanic or African American ethnic perspective should be embraced as a way the church should proceed forward. My own life experience has greatly benefited from being raised in that European Immigrant perspective, and I have seen nothing but the deterioration of interest and practice in modern america of Catholicism.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very easy readBy Paul W BolinI read this book as part of my American Catholicism class for a master's in theology program. It is enjoyable and very easy to read, even I think for people who have no formal training in theology. It essentially chronicles the balances/struggles between the laity and the hierarchy, the Catholic experience in America, and the unique path Catholicism took from being a tiny sect in colonial America to the largest religious organization in the country. It is a good read for anyone looking to get a basic understanding of how the Church in America has gotten to where it is, and the challenges that face it. The casual reader could easily finish this book in a week if that.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Francisco PenelaAwesome book!

For more than two hundred years American Catholics have struggled to reconcile their national and religious values. In this incisive and accessible account, distinguished Catholic historian Jay P. Dolan explores the way American Catholicism has taken its distinctive shape and follows how Catholics have met the challenges they have faced as New World followers of an Old World religion. Dolan argues that the ideals of democracy, and American culture in general, have deeply shaped Catholicism in the United States as far back as 1789, when the nation's first bishop was elected by the clergy (and the pope accepted their choice). Dolan looks at the tension between democratic values and Catholic doctrine from the conservative reaction after the fall of Napoleon to the impact of the Second Vatican Council. Furthermore, he explores grassroots devotional life, the struggle against nativism, the impact and collision of different immigrant groups, and the disputed issue of gender. Today Dolan writes, the tensions remain, as we see signs of a resurgent traditionalism in the church in response to the liberalizing trend launched by John XXIII, and also a resistance to the conservatism of John Paul II. In this lucid account, the unfinished story of Catholicism in America emerges clearly and compellingly, illuminating the inner life of the church and of the nation. In this lucid account, the unfinished story of Catholicism in America emerges clearly and compellingly, illuminating the inner life of the church and of the nation.

From Publishers WeeklyDolan, an emeritus professor at Notre Dame whose book *The American Catholic Experience* has become a standard work, here addresses the dialectic inherent in being simultaneously Catholic and American. In prose that is accessible, even basic, Dolan explores how American Catholics have swung between ideals of democratization (as when the nation's first bishop was elected, not appointed, in 1789) and Romanization (as when Catholics in the mid-19th century retreated into their own growing infrastructure of parochial schools and networks). Today, he says, both of these ideals are still present as some American Catholics embrace neo-traditionalism as a reaction against Vatican II and others feel that the current pope is too conservative. Throughout, Dolan teases out themes of nationality, gender, democracy and the Americanization of doctrine. His attention to the evolution of grassroots devotion is especially welcome, since too many books about American Catholicism concentrate on doctrine to the exclusion of popular piety. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library JournalA brilliant study about the relationship between Catholicism and American democratic ideals, this timely book considers the historical foundations and subsequent evolutions of Catholicism's adaptation to and influence on American self-understanding. In an accessible text, Dolan (history, emeritus, Univ. of Notre Dame) explains how major doctrines and moral precepts have been significantly affected by democracy. Beginning with the American Revolution and ending with a postscript on the recent scandal of clergy sexual abuse, Dolan makes a clear case for the dynamic rhythm of religion and culture. Considerable attention is given to the themes of immigrant nationalities, religious freedom, and gender issues within the modern Catholic milieu. As the author of the acclaimed *American Catholic Experience* and former president of the American Catholic Historical Association, Dolan brings impeccable credentials to this work. This scholarly, well-documented, and lucidly written book is essential reading for all Americans interested in religion and politics. Wholeheartedly recommended. John-Leonard Berg, Univ. of Wisconsin Lib., Platteville Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From BooklistDistinguished historian Dolan has traced the evolution of a distinctly American brand of Catholicism. Operating from the premise that there is a symbiotic relationship between religion and culture, he investigates and analyzes the specific historical connection between American culture and the Roman Catholic Church. Though he acknowledges the fact that religion can impact and change culture, he is more interested

in exploring the ways that American culture and society have shaped how Catholicism is practiced in the U.S. According to Dolan, the democratic tradition has been responsible for radically altering American Catholicism from its European counterpart. This absorbing inquiry answers the often troubling question of what it means to be both a Catholic and an American. Margaret Flanagan Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved