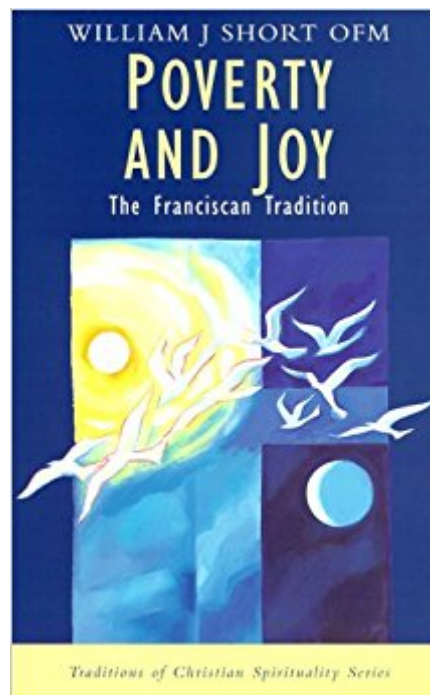




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William J. Short, OFM, is Dean of the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California. He is author of *The Franciscans* (The Liturgical Press).

Beautiful book with inspiring thoughts on how poverty and joy can exist together in the soul.

Very good: not too scholarly and yet solid information. A precious compendium of Franciscan spirituality which takes the reader beyond the ordinary focus on just Francis, Clare and Bonaventure.

Fr. Short is a Franciscan who teaches at the Franciscan School of Theology. He brings the poverty and joy of Franciscan spirituality together well.

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I needed this book to get a better picture of the way St. Francis started and originated the Franciscans. Thanks.

This book is written with such clarity and life giving energy that one is left with a wonderful sense of understanding some key aspects of the Franciscan Tradition such as Franciscan poverty and the "Humility of the Incarnation. I do ecumenical retreat work and am a spiritual director. I recommend this book to anyone who expresses some interest in knowing more about Francis and Clare and the early beginnings of the Franciscans. I am organizing an ecumenical trip to Assisi this summer and encouraging people to consider reading this book before they go on pilgrimage.

Easily and quickly readable with some interesting meat in each chapter. Does not dwell much on "mythology of the saints" as does some older books on the Franciscan movement. Adds some interesting historical sources for Franciscan theology such as John Duns Scotus.

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