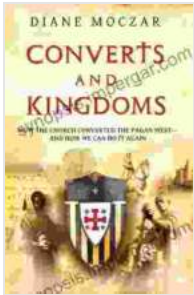


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In his new book, *Converts and Kingdoms: How the Church Converted the Pagan West and How We Can Do It Again*, Thomas F. Madden tells the remarkable story of how the Church transformed the pagan West. He draws on his decades of experience as a historian of the Middle Ages to provide a vivid account of the challenges and opportunities faced by missionaries, the role of culture and politics in shaping religious conversion, and the enduring legacy of the Church's mission.

Madden begins by introducing us to the world of the pagan West. He describes the beliefs and practices of the Celts, Germans, and Vikings, and

he shows how these cultures were often hostile to Christianity. But he also shows how the Church was able to adapt its message to appeal to these pagan audiences. Missionaries learned to speak the local languages, adopt local customs, and incorporate elements of pagan culture into their Christian teaching.

Madden also highlights the role of politics in the conversion of the West. He shows how Christian rulers used their power to promote the Church's mission, and how they often used force to suppress paganism. But he also shows how the Church was able to win converts even in the face of persecution. In fact, some of the most successful missionaries were those who were willing to suffer for their faith.

Madden's book is not just a history of the conversion of the West. It is also a guide for Christians today who are seeking to spread the Gospel in a hostile world. He shows how the Church's success in the past can provide us with valuable lessons for how to reach out to people who are different from us. He also shows how we can avoid the mistakes that the Church made in the past.

Converts and Kingdoms is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of Christianity or in the challenges and opportunities facing the Church today. It is a book that will inspire you and challenge you to think about the role of faith in your own life.

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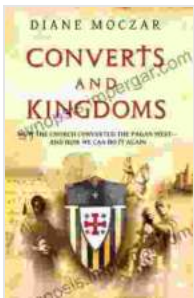
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