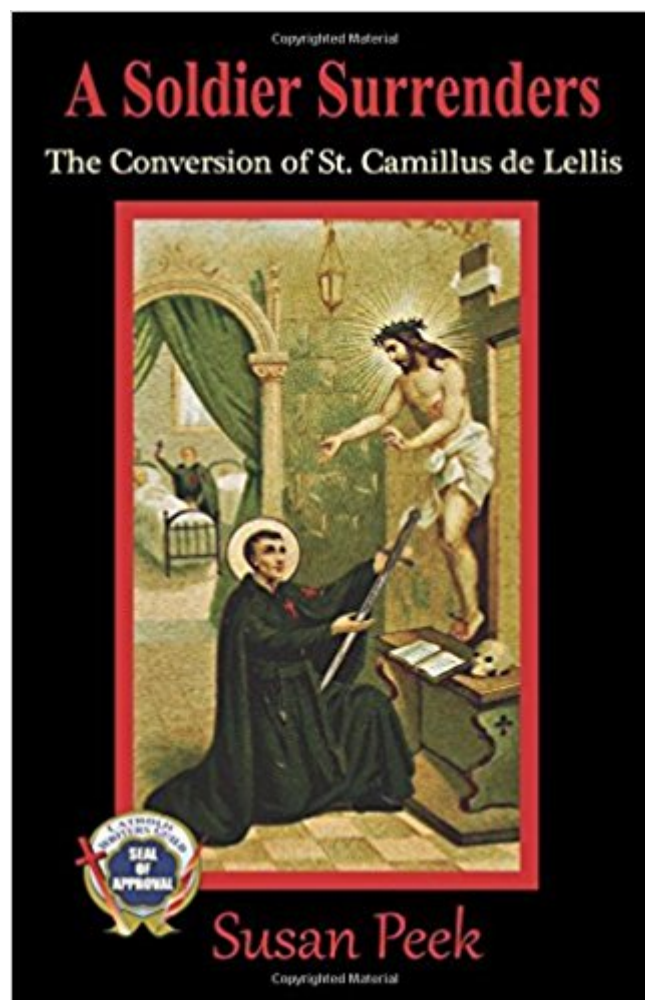




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A Soldier Surrenders: The Conversion Of Saint Camillus De Lellis (God's Forgotten Friends: Lives Of Little-known Saints) (Volume 2)



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Heckenkamp, Æ Æ Bestselling Author of "Past Suspicion""A Soldier Surrenders" tells the amazing tale of the conversion of Saint Camillus. Inspiring and interesting, this book will not be easily forgotten by its readers. For my own experience, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet a great saint who I'd never heard of before. Æ Æ The author did a laudable job of bringing Saint Camillus to life and his story to our hearts. The book centers on his conversion--one that will inspire people in every walk of life. Æ Æ This book was a great read, one of the best young adult stories I've read in a long time. Æ Æ - Ann Frailey, Author of "Aram""This novel for adult and young adult readers will introduce them to a great saint - a physical giant who had to contend with many personal struggles, much weakness, and repeated failures before he could become a moral giant. The story of Camillus de Lellis' conversion will leave no reader unmoved, and those that feel hopeless about themselves will find new hope, a hero, and a friend in Christ." - Michael O'Brien Bestselling Catholic Author

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"A Soldier Surrenders" by Susan Peek is an incredible story about Saint Camillus de Lellis, a great sinner of the 1500s who became a great saint. He is entirely human, very flawed, and thus easy to empathize with. His story is sure to inspire anyone who struggles with temptation and sin--and who among us doesn't? Æ Æ With his pious mother dead, young Camillus follows in his soldier father's footsteps, making many bad choices and even, for a time, siding with the Turks against the Christians. A tall, formidable man, Camillus is brought low by bad habits such as drinking, gambling, and brawling--becoming, in fact, a slave to his vices. Due to the profound impact of his father's death, Camillus attempts to change his life, but his hot temper and intense pride repeatedly thwart his efforts. Additionally, he is plagued by a mysterious ulcer that refuses to heal. Beset by temptations and failures, Camillus is rejected and dismissed in shame from places where he attempts to build a life. A lesser man would give in to despair, but Camillus soldiers on and is shaped by the soul-shaking trials he endures. At long last, after struggling to find his way alone in the world, Camillus realizes he's not alone.

He discovers that it takes humility to have true courage--the courage to surrender to God's will. As always, Peek knows how to keep readers hooked! She treats us to lively writing, entertaining situations, and crisp dialogue. "A Soldier Surrenders" is filled with action and drama and is perfect for ages fifteen and up. Peek's novels are among the most worthy and inspiring I've ever read. I fervently recommend all her books and eagerly anticipate her new ones!

Reviewed by: Therese Heckenkamp

Catholic novelist

I have been reading quite a few books about the crusades and fell in love with El Cid by Fitzhenry. Started this book right after El Cid because the reviews say it's a wonderful story for youth and adults. While the story is certainly inspiring, the writing style is very juvenile. I thought at first it may just be because I had just experienced the exceptional writing of Fitzhenry, but even after giving it some time, it was very difficult to read this book with respect. The author no doubt has wonderful intentions, however, in perhaps the attempt to appeal to a younger audience by making the story more along their vocabulary base, it really distracted from the beauty of this man's life and struggles and journey to surrender. I was waiting for the word 'dude' to appear, that's how casual the language in this book is. I was hoping to have my 15 and 13 year old sons read this but I'm afraid they will be put off by the 'cheasiness' of the text. It's something I would recommend for an 8-11 year old only. As an adult, it was an extremely simple read and the overall story is good but be aware that this is a rather juvenile writing despite the gorgeous artwork on the cover.

This is one of the best saint books in our school library! Not only does it keep the readers interested, but it shows in a compelling way how we can overcome our fallen human nature and reform our lives, even when we have serious faults. There is hope for everyone, and this book is a huge inspiration and a great read for everyone!

WHAT A STORY! IT SHOWS THAT WITH DETERMINATION ANY OF US COULD TURN OUR LIFE AROUND IF IT IS INDEED NECESSARY. HE WAS A SOLDIER WHO FOUGHT IN WARS FOR MONEY. HE WAS ALSO A GAMBLER, AND AN ALCOHOLIC. BUT IN THE END HE TOOK CARE OF THE SICK TO THE POINT THAT IT GREW TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS CREDITED THAT IT WAS THE FOUNDING OF THE RED CROSS. HE WENT FROM THE LOW LIFE TO BECOME SAINT. DE LELLIS INCREDIBLE!!!!!!!!!!.

A Soldier Surrenders is an encouraging story about St. Camillus de Lellis. Well written and inspiring,

it fills you with hope and perseverance. St. Camillus is a saint that you will find yourself praying to often after reading his amazing story!

Fantastic read!!! Very well written. This book is engaging. It does not come across as a preachy spiritual saint book. Rather, it is a novel about a normal person's struggle to overcome their faults and become a saint.

So inspirational, my 12 year old son loved it and found it to be amazing. Ms Susan Peek is our shining star; what a magnificent writer.

As Priest - Nurse this was a great book about a great Saint.

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