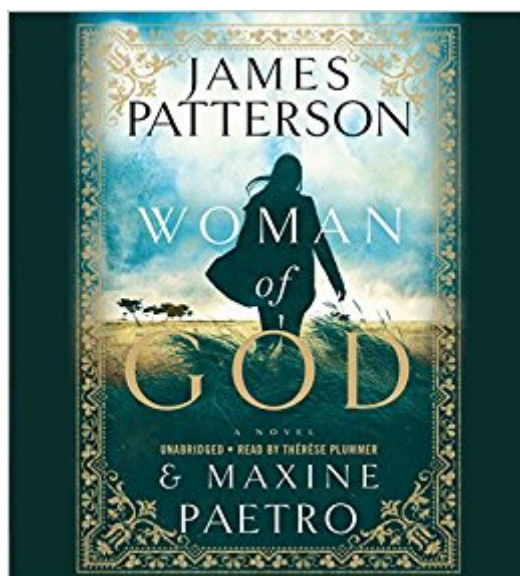


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# Woman Of God



## Synopsis

St. Peter's Square, Rome. White smoke signals that a new Pope has been chosen. Is it possible that the new Pope...is a woman? The world is watching as historic crowds gather in Rome, waiting for news of a new Pope, one who promises to be unlike any other in the Church's history. Some followers are ecstatic, but the leading candidate has made a legion of powerful enemies. From a difficult childhood with drug addled parents, to a career as a doctor on the front lines in Sudan, to a series of trials that test her faith at every turn, Brigid Fitzgerald's convictions and callings have made her the target of all those who fear that the Church has lost its way--dangerous adversaries who abhor challenges to tradition. Locked in a deadly, high-stakes battle with forces determined to undermine everything she believes in, Brigid must convert her enemies to her cause before she loses her faith...and her life.

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## Customer Reviews

PRAISE FOR WOMAN OF GOD: "A high-concept pitch, a potboiler on the page, and a protagonist to cheer for..."  
—Kirkus

James Patterson received the Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community at the 2015 National Book Awards. Patterson holds the Guinness World Record for the most #1 New York Times bestsellers. His books have sold more than 325 million copies worldwide.

Woman of God is a novel by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. This is definitely not a typical

James Patterson book, although there are parts that let you know it is his writing. This one deals with one's faith and faith in the Catholic Church. In this time of change, the Church is having to change in order to accommodate the changing beliefs of the people. Lightening up on some of the restrictions on the Church is one of the ideas that is explored in this book. Another belief that is questioned is the presence of women priests and possibly a Pope. The thriller portion of the book occurs in the Sudan at the first of the book. It is told in first person by Bridget Fitzgerald. She tells us of her faith returning after her episodes where she feels God is talking to her. Bridget Fitzgerald had gone to the Sudan to help the refugees get medical treatment after being attacked by the rebels. She was running from her past where her childhood had not been the best, although there were many happy memories; with parents who were arguing and a Father who was cold and dismissive. In the hospital where she was working, she had made several wonderful friends and doctors. Working 24/7 made for deep exhaustion but when someone lived, it was worth it. However, the rebels overcome her hospital and she is evacuated after being shot. By the time she gets out of the hospital, she wonders if she will ever go back to being a doctor much less one in Africa. However, she can't help but wonder about her friends. Now she is off to other adventures which will eventually lead her to America and then to the Vatican. The trials that face Bridget are amazing and they make you continue to read and to believe that this is a real woman. The characters are very realistic and you feel you begin to know them. The book is long but difficult to put down. It is a wonderful book.

I was profoundly disappointed with this novel. By the 3/4 mark, the main character has:- Graduated from Harvard at 19- Survived two heroin-addicted parents in Cambridge- Has no idea who her genetic father is- Sent herself to medical school, without debt, apparently- Worked for Doctors Without Borders in Sudan- Been from Sudan to Italy to Egypt to Israel to Germany to Boston- Survived being: shot, stabbed, and car bombed- Befriended an innocent priest accused of abusing a child and funded his defense, despite the objections of the Archdiocese of Boston who wanted him to settle (author getting a dig in there?)- Gets married, after only a single kiss from a man twice her age- The details of the consummation of the (Lutheran) marriage is skipped over, as well as the experience of child birth, but the violence around her is described in detail (particulars of surgery, wounded and dead people around her)- Sedates herself with Valium and alcohol during the traumatic moments of her life- Works for a rehabilitation clinic while actively using alcohol. The main character has visions in which she experiences God, and hears God's voice speaking to her. The author(s) missed the majority experience of people who do not have visions, who do not hear God,

and who are called to lead the Church in faith. When you've had visions and heard audible voices, you don't really need faith, do you? The main character is simply not believable. Too many details are missing, and the plot has major holes in it. As a Catholic, I wanted to get into the details of how a woman can become a priest to begin with, never mind be elected to the papacy. The main character is more Wonder Woman and superhero caricature than believable woman of God. If you are looking for a detailed, well-written book on unlikely popes with a realistic plot line, read Ray Flynn's "The Unexpected Pope" instead.

The Accidental Pope: A Novel

While this read does bring up some controversy, it is extremely well written and very entertaining. Heartwarming story of a woman who lost herself, found herself, lost herself, and finally found herself and her place with God. Very touching and very worth reading. Thank you James Patterson for once again giving us a great read.

I could not stop reading this book. With so many terrible and cruel happenings occurring every day, I often wonder why. Although in my heart I understand why, it still brings a terrible sadness. I did not see this as a book about women, but instead a book about love, helping people, and being kind to all people. There are often times when you are reaching out to God for answers and you simply cannot feel him. I liked the fact this book addressed this. But God's love is always there. Being a person of God does not mean you will not have tough times. It does mean his love is there to help us get through those difficult times and we can look forward to a time where we will join him and be surrounded by his love and by all those that love him.

My favorite Patterson book of all time - and that's saying a lot. I've been reading his books voraciously for about 25 years, and this is my fave. It's different than his normal murder mysteries and had me crying and laughing out loud. I strongly recommend this book!

Wow who would have thought Patterson could write a book about this. What an amazing story. Fantastic reading great read

women have always been thought of as 'the weaker sex' I felt this women's strength!! Time after time she was knocked down and got back up. I do believe God speaks to those who are open to listen. I am happy to see God spoken about in loving terms. Freedom of a relationship with God without having to commit to a certain religion is a new but fulfilling of human in a relationship with

God, the Son and Holy Spirit. I applaud the writer for bringing this to light!!!

What an incredible story. Just when you think Patterson has outdone himself, he comes up with something so beautifully written that you swear it's the best of the best. Awesome and perfectly done. Will read this one again.

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