



# SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY OPTIONS LIST

You will be able to choose one of the following to read for our class on Biography & Autobiography. We want a diverse breadth of stories and perspectives for our in-class discussions, so we may encourage you to go out of your comfort zone.

This list is meant to be helpful but not exhaustive. If you have a different biography in mind, let us know.

- *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* — Greg Boyle, S.J.<sup>1</sup>
- *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* — Greg Boyle, S.J.
- *The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of Dorothy Day*
- *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*
- *Mohandas K. Gandhi, Autobiography: The Story of My Experiments with Truth*
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* — Maya Angelou's first memoir
- *The Seven Storey Mountain* — Thomas Merton
- *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson* — Mitch Albom
- *God, Country, Notre Dame: The Autobiography of Theodore M. Hesburgh*
- *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope* — by Austen Ivereigh
- *A Pilgrim's Journey: The Autobiography of St. Ignatius of Loyola*
- *Basil Moreau: Essential Writings*
- *Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower)*
- *Journal of a Soul: The Autobiography of Pope John XXIII*
- *My Life with the Saints* — James Martin, S.J.<sup>2</sup>
- *My Spiritual Journey* — Dalai Lama
- *Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life* — C.S. Lewis
- *The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness* — Karen Armstrong
- *Tales of Wonder: Adventures Chasing the Divine, an Autobiography* — Huston Smith
- *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* — Immaculée Ilibagiza
- *With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman*
- *With God in Russia: The Inspiring Classic Account of a Catholic Priest's Twenty—Three Years in Soviet Prisons and Labor Camps* — Walter Ciszek, S.J.
- *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* — Anne Lamott
- *Anthony deMello: The Happy Wanderer* — by Bill deMello
- *Here I am, Lord: The Letters And Writings of Ita Ford*
- *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* — Rachel Held Evans

<sup>1</sup> Excerpts from two of Fr. Greg's books are used in class, but you can choose to read one in its entirety. If you have previously read *Tattoos on the Heart*, read *Barking to the Choir* or choose another option.

<sup>2</sup> This is a shortcut to getting multiple biographies because the author explores his own spiritual journey through the lives of various saints.