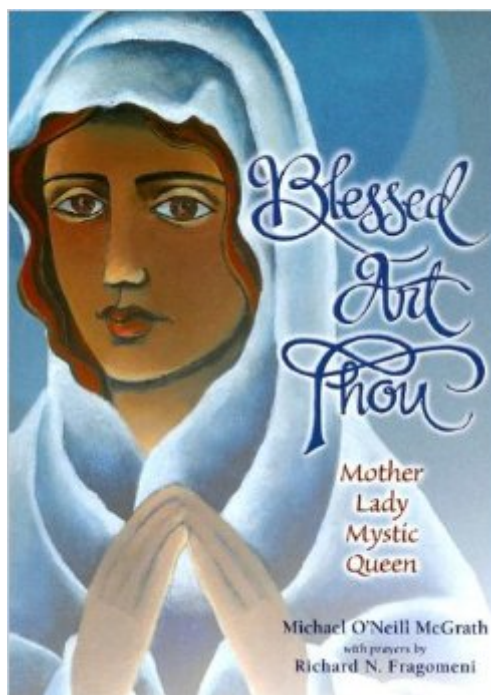


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# Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen



## Synopsis

Paperback edition of the Winner of three 2005 Catholic Press Association Books Awards! Design and Production First Place. As the Mother of God, Mary surpasses all other humans and yet is united with all who are to be saved. Here you will find a magnificent and inspiring collection of colorful images, meditations, and prayers about and for Mary, both painted and written. Many of McGrath's paintings in this collection are the result of his loving fascination with Black Madonnas, which have inspired pilgrims, saints, and sin-sick souls for centuries. Combined with Richard Fragomeni's poetic and candid prayers, these images of Mary speak directly to all people who struggle to find meaning and joy in a world filled with crisis, divisiveness, and insecurity. They speak, too, to the artistic, creative soul in all of us, which longs to see things in new and challenging ways while holding on to the history and traditions of our Catholic heritage.

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## Customer Reviews

Beautiful artwork, fascinating personal insights by the author, and meaningful prayers. Taking numerous names given to Mary (Queen of Angels, Gate of Heaven, Virgin, etc.) the artist (and author) created pictures and his own modern, personal view of how Mary fits these titles and what they mean. The author shares how he chose to do each picture (inspiration, colors, etc.) and it's wonderful to look at the picture and feel what he was trying to express. The author makes Mary more personable and down to earth. For example-instead of Mary sitting on a throne as other artists have been wont to do, this artist places her in a rocking chair. He brings her to us where we are. Wonderful book.

Both the art work and the prayers in this book are beautiful. I like the way the authors see Mary as a kind of symbol of the Holy Spirit, reminding us of God's feminine dimension. As the artist states, this book is for those "who find delight in a God who is more than white and male." It is inspired and inspiring. I highly recommend it.

This book presents images and reflections on the Blessed Mother that take rich traditional language and imagery for a new day. Michael McGrath's paintings particularly are beautiful, playful, devotional. The whole book inspired me and connected me with Mary --and brought her to the living Church and to God. The book reminds me of the value of beauty as a gateway to God.

Excellent, unique images, beautiful prayers, inspiring reflections by the artist. I would recommend this to anyone who has a devotion to the Blessed Mother as well as an appreciation of artwork of the highest caliber. Liz

Combining Michael McGrath's ethereal and lovely acrylic paint on watercolor paper artworks with Richard Fragomeni's beautiful prayers, "Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen" is a superlative celebration of the loving and reverent names for Mary, the mother of Christ. The twenty memorably impressive images comprising this coffee-table style book make it an inspired and inspiring assist for readers seeking contemplation and reflection. Highly recommended, "Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen" will prove to be a welcome addition to personal reading lists and church library collections.

This book is beautiful. The colorful, vibrant paintings of Mary awaken a deeper awareness in me of the depth and breadth of her soul. It is refreshing to see a book with contemporary visions of what she looks like, coupled with equally good meditations. Definitely recommended to all who seek to grow closer to the feminine.

This is a beautiful book of art featuring Our Lady. The accompanying prayers and commentary by the artist wonderfully enhance the artwork. Very much satisfied with this purchase.

Lovely book and drawings on Mary. I love Brother Mickey's work. The pictures show a modern update of ways to see Mary in everyday life.

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