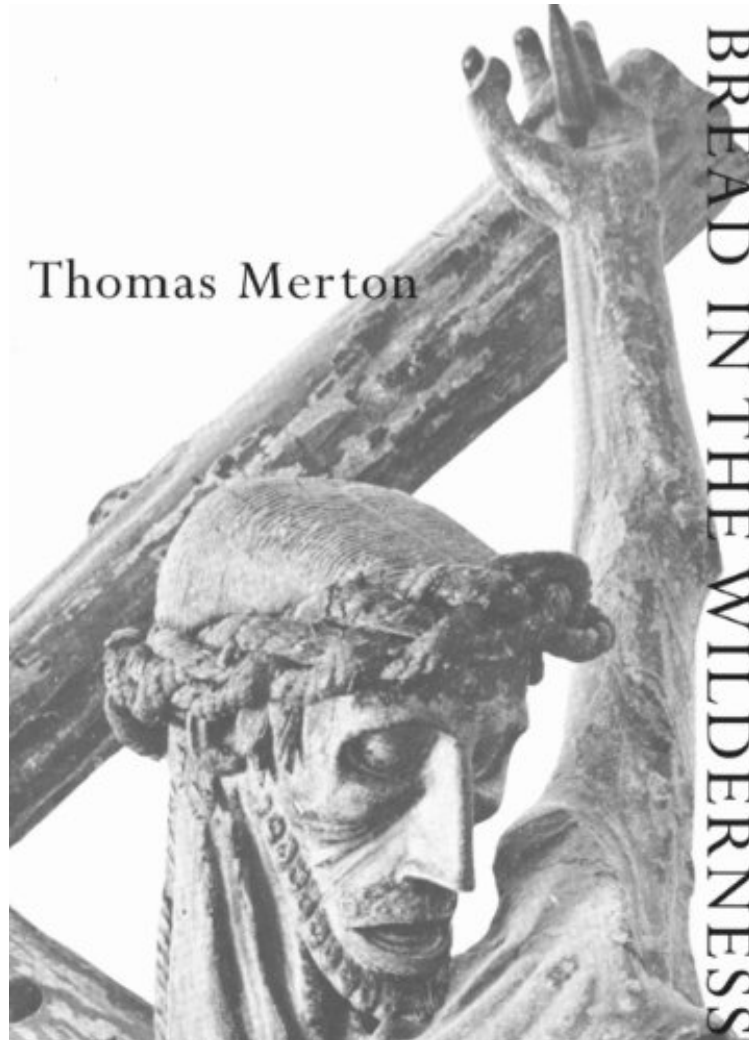


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is a book that every serious student should read.Von Wayne BurnsWhen Thomas Merton, a Trappist Monk, wrote BREAD IN THE WILDERNESS, he had fallen in love with the Psalms of the Old Testament. As a monk, he had chanted the Psalms every day of the week. The monks still do this today. This book is certainly about the Psalms as it relates to people seeking to understand God and Christ. In only the way Thomas Merton can write, one will discover many practical truths about the Psalms. As Merton writes, "The Psalms are theology. That means that they place us in direct contact with God, through the assent of faith in His revelation." Even though this is a brief book, it contains large

amount of material for thought and study. There are five divisions in the book, and each division highlights how God speaks through the Psalms. To the poet, there are many Psalms of importance. As Merton writes, "The Psalms are poems, and poems have a meaning, although the poet has no obligation to make his meaning immediately clear to anyone who does not want to make an effort to discover it." One of the most interesting things about the book is how Merton sees Jesus Christ throughout the Psalms. Maybe Merton says it best when he writes, "The Psalms are more than language. They contain within themselves the silence of high mountains and the silence of heaven. It is only when we stand at the bottom of the mountain that it is hard for us to distinguish the language of the Psalter from the tongues of the earth..." In this book, Merton makes the Psalms come alive. This is a book worth reading.

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Synopsis An exposition of the doctrines of St John of the Cross, the 16th century Spanish mystic, this volume provides interpretations of and insights into the Psalms, for those who view the Psalms as spiritual and those who regard them primarily as literature.