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Joey Lee Kirkman : PR Pope before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised PR Pope:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amazing book! By rtyJoey gives you what you want in this book. Straight forward to the point, no filler bulls***, just facts about the Pope and the Catholic Church. He gives a very engaging and sometimes humorous experience. Once I started reading I couldn't put it down. I learned more in those 73 pages about the Catholic Church than I ever did in the 25 years I was Irish Catholic. He gives you truth, references,

and an insight rarely seen towards the Catholic Church. Most people afraid to challenge the Church but Joey goes right for the jugular in a very intelligent and captivating way. I would recommend this book to not only atheists but Catholics and other theists as well. I guarantee you if you're Catholic and not in the inner workings of the Church you will learn things you never dreamed existed in this book. Thanks for writing the book Joey I look forward to many more!

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. READ THIS BOOK!!!!By Derek B. JohnsonAs The Who song says, "Meet the new boss....same as the old boss." Joey Lee Kirkman systematically analyzes the popular belief that the new Pope Francis is a liberal who intends to fundamentally transform the Catholic Church. Joey makes his own political leanings clear for transparency's sake, which helps the reader to understand that his criticism of the pope isn't politically motivated. He encourages readers to arrive at their own conclusions, but it would be impossible for any thinking person presented the case to conclude anything but that the pope intends to maintain the status quo but with better branding. The book was published prior to the Vatican's Polish priest Monsignor Krzysztof Olaf Charamsa being fired for coming out as gay, but this certainly served to reinforce everything described and predicted about the pope's business-as-usual positions. Undoubtedly there will continue to be mounting evidence that the pope is charismatic but doesn't actually intend to make the necessary changes to bring the church into the 21st century. The most emotionally touching part of the book for me was the dedication written by Joey and the forward written by his wife. I was moved by their openness and it was really nice getting to know Joey and what makes him tick throughout the book. His robust personality comes through in his thoughtful analysis of Pope Francis and the Catholic Church, and that makes for a very enjoyable read.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Exposing more of the same in the church and the pope!By Matthew O'NeilAn excellent read for anyone looking to understand why we should be critical of the current Pope of Catholicism. Joey Lee Kirkman, with hilarious illustrations from Apollo D, absolutely eviscerates Pope Francis, his statements, and what has been going on behind closed doors in the Vatican. Be it the rejection of a gay clergy member being a representative to Francis, the marginalization of women and homosexuals, and even blasphemy laws and free speech, this Pope is more of the same. Despite his seemingly positive public image, he's selling the same product in a fancier suit. Readers beware (especially if you're a devout believer), you will not look at this snake oil salesman the same after reading Kirkman's book!

PR Pope was written for the young adult, beginner atheist, or anyone who is contemplating leaving or questioning their faith. The goal of the book is to inspire young people who do not typically challenge religious beliefs to understand why it's important to do so. As the American right-wingers assert religious beliefs into legislation, we must teach young people that it is okay to question everything and no longer taboo to speak up regarding religion. PR Pope focuses on modern issues facing Pope Francis and the Catholic Church. The idea is to use these issues to teach the young reader how to use logic and compare and contrast techniques. They can then apply these techniques to all religious and pseudoscience assertions. Growing up as a Christian, I always felt it was strange when someone would tell me that "It's rude to talk about religion." My pastors always said we were "fishers of men!" In Matthew 4:19 (NIV) Jesus said, "Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people." Wouldn't I have to discuss religion if I were going to follow Jesus? This seemed contradictory to me. Once my exodus from religion began, I finally discovered what I was missing and the story is the same for politics. If you are discussing religion or politics and the other person agrees with you, they love it and they want more of it! On the other hand, if you are challenging someone's beliefs or ideas, suddenly the two topics become taboo. In short, it's not rude to talk about these subjects. It's only rude to some when you make them think critically or question their long-held beliefs. In actuality, you've only made them uncomfortable, and since they can't comprehend the cognitive dissonance happening in real time, they tend to perceive your questions as attacks on them personally. This awful attribute is, thankfully, not universal. There are many people like me who love to be challenged and enjoy the sport of spirited debate. For some, the more heated the debate, the more progress that's made. The heat typically means we've struck a nerve. PR Pope is intended to challenge the average person or Catholic to think critically. The history of the Vatican and the Church could be used as inspiration for thousands of R-rated thriller and horror movies. The modern Church, while taking baby steps towards progress, is responsible for producing a lot of suffering in the world. If your first thought after reading that last sentence was, "Yeah, but what about all the good they do?", then congratulations - you are part of the problem. Well over a billion people focus on the good that the Church does, and this book will occasionally do so, too. However, it's time more of us with a platform speak up and speak out about the evidence that we find to be contrary.

About the AuthorJoey Lee Kirkman is an award winning activist with the ability to reach his audience in a personable, yet biting fashion. He was present during the Newton County Protest in 2012 in response to the lobby of religious fundamentalists which resulted in his antics being seen on CNN, Anderson Cooper 360, Headline News and more. He was the founder, executive producer, and co-host of the podcast Bully the Bullies Show which aired in 2012. In 2013, Kirkman earned a "Certificate of Acknowledgment of Leadership and Congratulations" from the North Carolina House of Representatives for his activism during the 2012 marriage equality debates. 2014 brought the

release of Bedtime Bible Stories – Explicit! with his co-author, JD Shapiro, writer of Robin Hood: Men in Tights.