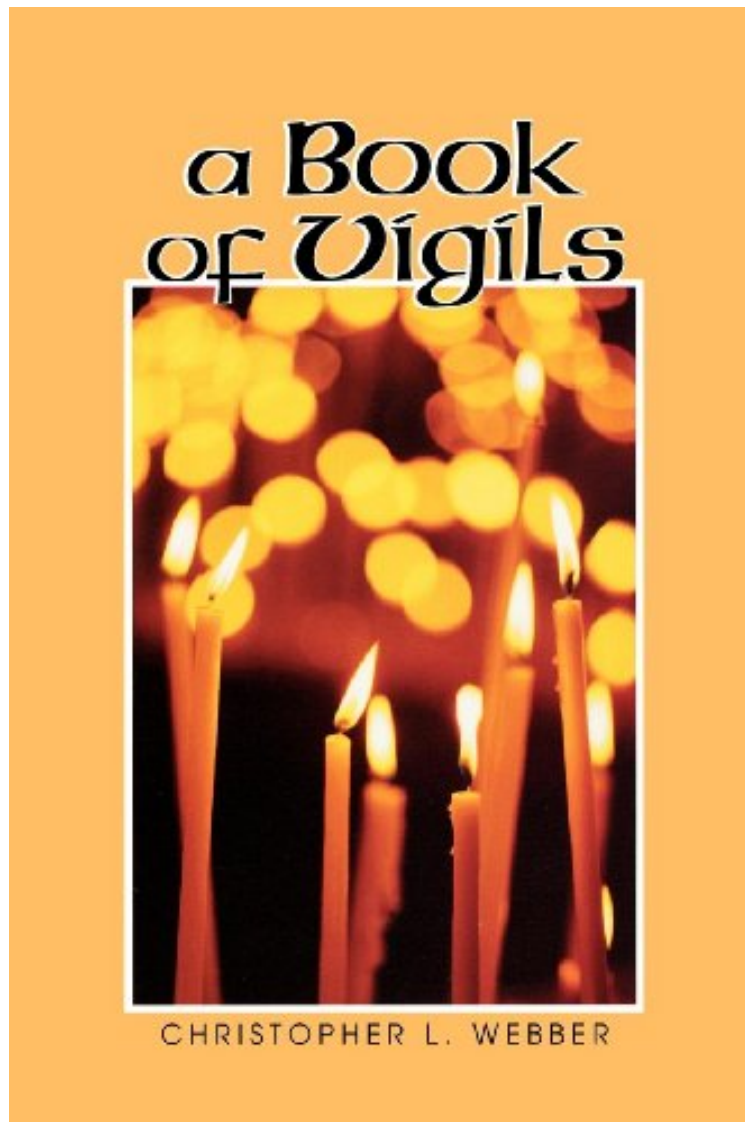


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Being vigilant Von Fr Kurt Messick I first came across Christopher Webber as author of other books, such as 'Welcome to Sunday' and 'Welcome to the Episcopal Church', books that are very clear and basic explanations of their topics for newcomers to the church, and others who want brief but useful introductions. This book on vigils is similar in that

regard -- it is clear, brief and useful. What is a vigil? Knowing that many outside of Anglican/Catholic traditions in the West have lost the practice of vigils as part of their church or spiritual practice, Webber gives an introduction to what a vigil is, including historical, liturgical and spiritual information about vigil-keeping. The most commonly practiced vigil now is the Easter Vigil, regaining acceptance and popularity with such church events as Vatican II and the Episcopal church's 1979 revision of the Book of Common Prayer. My own church practiced an abbreviated Easter Vigil service, lasting for a few hours on the night before Easter. However, vigils are not just for Easter anymore! In fact, they never were. The different kinds of vigils given here in this book include the following types: + A Vigil for the Presence of God + A Vigil for Peace and Justice + A Vigil for the Sick + A Vigil at the Time of Death + A Vigil for Maundy Thursday + A Vigil of Pentecost + A Vigil prior to a Bishop's election or consecration. This book includes several aspects of each of the above. It includes planning and preparation suggestions, liturgies (including biblical and other spiritual readings), and separate suggestions for private and public vigils. These may be done individually, for small groups (including families and close-knit groups), or for whole communities. The information contained here ranges from the sublime (Webber shares that all vigils, public and private, have two things in common, that of being very intense and very peaceful) to the highly practical (keeping a cell phone handy in the dark night, and a fire-extinguisher for candle-lit vigils, etc.). Webber does presume some liturgical knowledge and comfort with things such as the Book of Common Prayer (or similar liturgical aids); the Easter Vigil is not included in this text for the reason that it is already contained in the widely-available BCP. However, even those without such a background will find the patterns and suggestions easy to follow and utilise. The vigil is a monastic practice, but has parallels in other religious traditions past and present also. Webber states at one point that the silences involved in the vigil are just as important, if not more so, than the words and prayers offered. This is a peaceful book, whose prayers and directions offer rays of peace and hope for God's presence.

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