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Editorial Review

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Walter M. Miller's acclaimed SF classic *A Canticle for Leibowitz* opens with the accidental excavation of a holy artifact: a creased, brittle memo scrawled by the hand of the blessed Saint Leibowitz, that reads: "Pound pastrami, can kraut, six bagels--bring home for Emma." To the Brothers of Saint Leibowitz, this sacred shopping list penned by an obscure, 20th-century engineer is a symbol of hope from the distant past, from before the Simplification, the fiery atomic holocaust that plunged the earth into darkness and ignorance. As *1984* cautioned against Stalinism, so 1959's *A Canticle for Leibowitz* warns of the threat and implications of nuclear annihilation. Following a cloister of monks in their Utah abbey over some six or seven hundred years, the funny but bleak *Canticle* tackles the sociological and religious implications of the cyclical rise and fall of civilization, questioning whether humanity can hope for more than repeating its own history. Divided into three sections--*Fiat Homo* (Let There Be Man), *Fiat Lux* (Let There Be Light), and *Fiat Voluntas Tua* (Thy Will Be Done)--*Canticle* is steeped in Catholicism and Latin, exploring the fascinating, seemingly capricious process of how and why a person is canonized. --Paul Hughes

Review

"Extraordinary ... chillingly effective."— *Time*

"Angry, eloquent ... a terrific story."— *The New York Times*

"An extraordinary novel ... Prodigiously imaginative, richly comic, terrifyingly grim, profound both intellectually and morally, and, above all ... simply such a memorable story as to stay with the reader for years."— *Chicago Tribune*

"An exciting and imaginative story ... Unconditionally recommended."— *Library Journal*

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From the Publisher

Down the long centuries after the Flame Deluge scoured the earth clean, the monks of the order of St. Leibovitz the Engineer kept alive the ancient knowledge. In their monastery in the Utah desert, they preserved the precious relics of their founder: the blessed blueprint, the sacred shopping list and the holy shrine of fallout shelter.

Watched over by an immortal wanderer, they witnessed humanity's rebirth from ashes, and saw reenacted the eternal drama of the struggle between light and darkness, life and death.

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