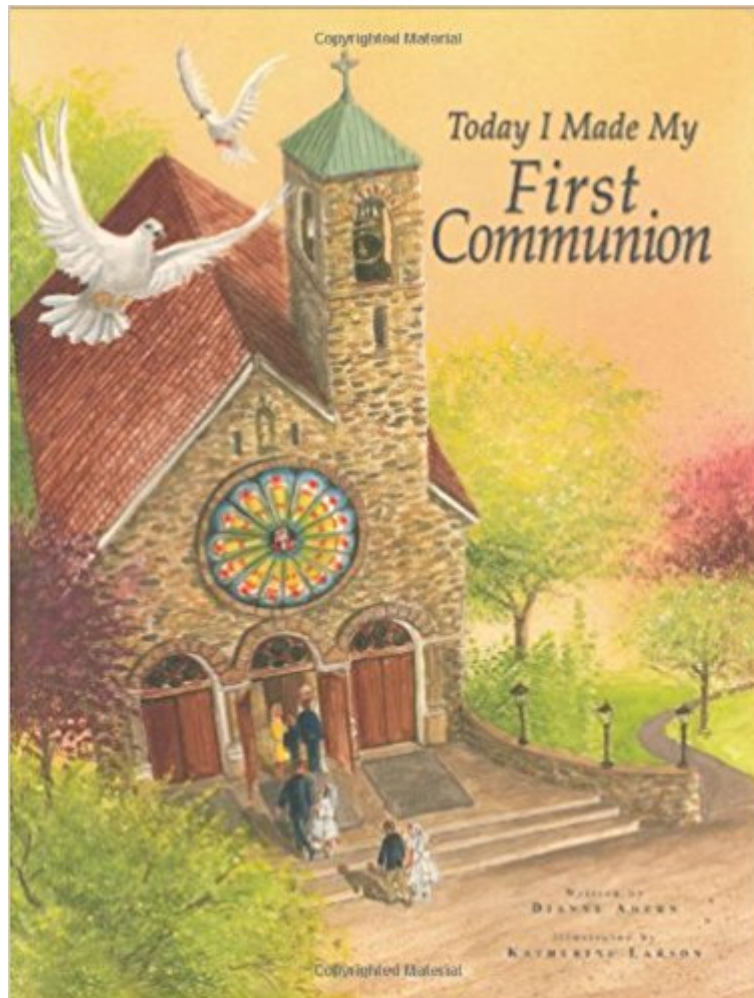




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Today I Made My First Communion



Synopsis

What happens when an affable parish priest is confronted by a pair of curious second graders who want to help him solve the Mystery of the Eucharist? Why, he turns it into a teaching opportunity for the entire First Communion class. The book is a wonderful combination of storybook, reference book, and keepsake book. The storybook section mixes a bit of 'who-done-it' drama with traditional religious education to uncover the mystery of faith. Father Hugo challenges the children to look throughout the church for clues to solve the Mystery. Then he and the parish staff together explain how the things they find, the prayers they say, and the music they sing all relate to Jesus Christ and the Eucharist. The reference section of the book contains a rendering of 'our church' that identifies the sacramentals and other items the children find. It also includes information children should know when making their First Communion. The last section of the book allows the First Communicant and his or her family to record the events of this special day, making it a lasting keepsake.

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Customer Reviews

What to get a child for First Communion? Consider this book. A wonderful combination storybook, reference book and memory book. --Ann Aubrey Hanson, Southern Cross Newspaper of the Diocese of San Diego, April 2003A delightful, informative children's story. . . presented at a level which everyone, First Communicants and parents, can understand, learn, and enjoy. --Faith Magazine of the Diocese of Lansing, June 2003Cleverly designed, illustrated and written, 'Today I Made My First Communion' combines the fun of a mystery story with the helpfulness of a workbook and the joy of a keepsake for children and their parents as the child receives First Communion... a

story that will keep the children involved and interested... a fun idea for teachers and children.

--CRUX of the News, August 18 AD 2003

Dianne M. Ahern is the author of the first three books from Aunt Dee's Attic, *Today I Made My First Communion*, *Today I Was Baptized* and *Today We Became Engaged*. Dianne grew up on a farm in Illinois where she and her brother would delight in going to the "attic" to find adventure: they would explore other worlds in make believe, create and tell stories, snoop through Uncle Raymond's trunk, and play with their imaginary animals. Having never quite satisfied her need to explore other worlds, Dianne has and continues to travel extensively in her adult life. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Marian College, a Master of Healthcare Administration from Indiana University, and is currently Vice President of Alan Systems, Inc. Aunt Dee's Attic is a product of Dianne's inventiveness and desire to write about the events that shape our lives.

Ms. Ahern has written a useful book, and I've used it with profit to prepare all six of my children for their First Communion. By reading a chapter or so at a time, young would-be communicants come to learn much about the Eucharist, the Mass, the design of a church, and many other useful things surrounding the liturgy. There are some jarring modernist touches, however. Catholics are obligated to give their children Christian names, and yet several of the characters in the story have monikers that are secular and trendy. And there is a reference to the opening hymn for the First Communion Mass being "Gather Us In," a relic of the post-conciliar silly season that, aside from being unfit for the liturgy, is likely to make anyone who grew up in the 70s or 80s instinctively cringe. It's a good book, but it need not have these distractions.

I bought this book to read to my First Communion Class. It is beautifully written. My class loved the book! My only complaint is that I also purchased another book by the same name & author with a different book cover & since the description was a little different, I thought they were different books. One book has a church on the cover & the second book has children in their communion outfits. Both books were the same. I wish they had made that clear in the description! I decided since it was such a worthwhile book to keep one & donate the other to our CCD office. For that reason I gave the rating only 4 stars out of 5.

I thought this was a wonderful book. The illustrations were beautiful, and the story and explanations were detailed and very informative. I especially liked that it was a story book, and could be used as

a keepsake, with space at the back for guests to share comments, and for personal information, and photos. Our First Communicant had fun filling in his specifics.

Bought this for my 8 year old niece who told me that this was her "Favorite Communion present ever!" She spent the time after her party filling it out and I know that she will look back at this in the future and really remember this special day. This is going to be my "go to" communion present for the future.

This is a lovely book to be given as a gift to someone who is making their first communion. It's an interesting way to inform children about what they will learn during their classes and about the ceremony itself. Very well written and informative. The book also includes keepsake pages the child can complete with memories, thoughts and pictures about their special day. A lovely and thoughtful gift.

Although the book is good, I think it is too expensive.

I bought this book as a gift for my daughter's birthday so she would have it before she made her First Communion. We read one or two chapters a week as a review of her CCD program (to ensure we covered any gaps). She enjoyed the story and loved filling in the memory pages at the back of the book. What a wonderful Catholic resource! Highly recommended. Also consider getting the companion book Today I Made My First Reconciliation.

Outdated pictures and too detailed for a 7 year old child

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