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The Swiss Protestant theologian's most significant work is a book that illuminates the saints in all their revolutionary force. What do the saints still have to say to us today? The theologian Walter Nigg attempts to find an answer to this question beyond all religious trappings. Detailing the lives of eleven great saints, he shows how they had to fight dark forces within themselves. And how they nonetheless became role models and exceptional individuals.

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Joan of Arc

St. Nicholas of Flue

St. Catherine of Genoa

St. Teresa of Avila

St. John of the Cross

St. Francis de Sales

St. Joseph of Cupertino

Gerhard Tersteegen

St. John Vianney (cure of Ars)

St. Therese of Lisieux

»An unknown world emerges when one encounters the saints. New dimensions leave the reader absolutely astonished, dimensions that human language simply cannot describe. The direct relationship with the divine, the religious profundity of the saints' wisdom and their subtle understanding of the soul are almost without parallel in the history of spirituality. In order to gain access to them, one requires an inner disposition to experience new realities that do not coincide with one's own, realities that consequently cannot be judged in any ordinary terms.« Walter Nigg



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Walter Nigg (1903–1988) born in Lucerne, was appointed professor of ecclesiastical history in Zurich while working as a protestant priest at the same time. Alongside saints, religious founders, prophets and mystics, his books cover artists and poets and not least heretics, whom he understood as ›unsuccessful saints‹.



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Rembrandt
Maler des Ewigen

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176 pages
2006



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2003



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Diogenes

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Große Unheilige

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Friedrich Nietzsche
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Buch der Büsser
Neun Lebensbilder

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