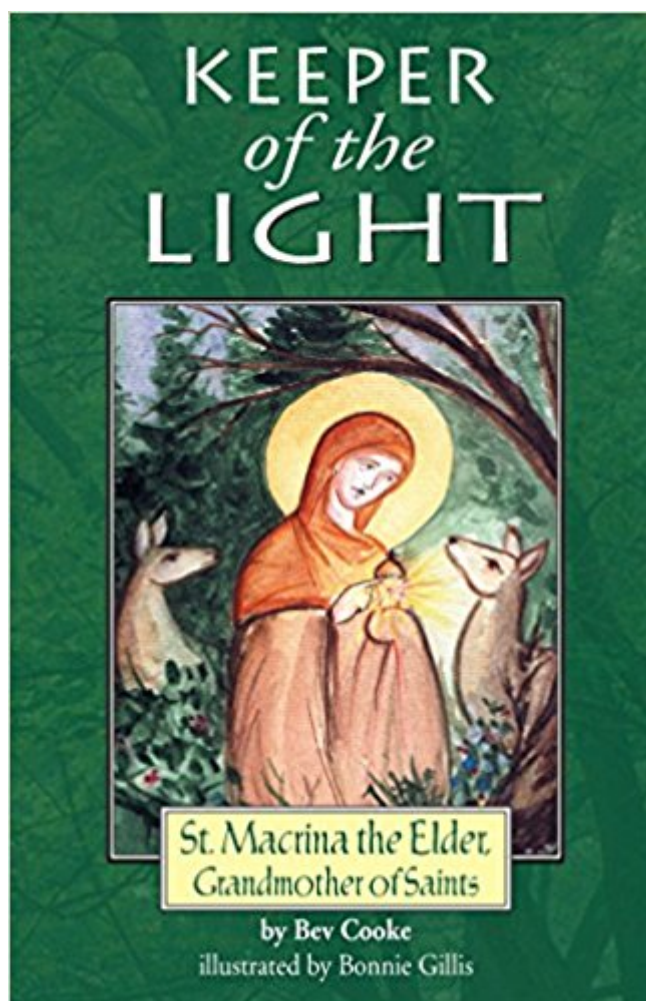


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Keeper Of The Light: Saint Macrina The Elder, Grandmother Of Saints



Synopsis

The road to sainthood takes a lifetime to travel. . . . Late in the fourth century, Christians are labeled enemies of the Roman Empire--hounded, arrested, tortured, and executed. Macrina and her husband Basil, once-wealthy Christians, flee with their small son to the mountainous forests south of the Black Sea. There, Macrina embarks on a seven-year journey of unexpected tests and trials that will take her through a harsh and hungry wilderness pilgrimage, only to plunge her into poverty and danger on the streets of Neocaesarea. So begins Macrina's adventure in faith, as she undertakes the process of becoming one of the most influential women in sacred history, the mother and grandmother of saints. Readers of all ages will be fascinated by the story of St. Macrina the Elder, who had a profound influence on her grandchildren, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nyssa, and St. Macrina the Younger. She is truly a great confessor of the Orthodox Christian faith.

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Customer Reviews

Bev Cooke is married with two children. She enjoys the outdoors and has a wonderful sense of humor. She has a BA in Psychology from the University of Victoria and has been writing for the past twenty years.

I enjoyed this book and learned a lot from it. I am a Christian but I am not Orthodox. I would recommend to someone looking for a good book, and it is especially good for young adults, I think.

Great book which will be used with a church school class to teach the importance of God's holy

ones. Highly recommended.

I am constantly on the look-out for great children's books. This book was not intended to be a children's book, but her life is written in story format. My daughter, who is seven loved it. It has sparked her interest in other lives of the saints.

I enjoyed Keeper of the Light. This is an exciting tale of a woman who went into hiding for her faith in the time of the late Roman Empire. Along with her husband and son, she struggled to remain undiscovered by soldiers who hunted Christians for sport. The author takes us through Macrina's life as she contends with not only being on the run, but also with having to give up so much for God. In the end she discovers her difficulties were not in vain. She has much to teach her grandchildren who are placed in her care and the heritage of their faith is carried on through them. The author has written an engaging historical tale that sweeps the reader along in the ups and downs of Macrina's life. The illustrations, historical notes and glossary all help complete the story. Although written for young adults, I would recommend it for all ages, and especially for all those interested in historical tales and faith experiences.

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