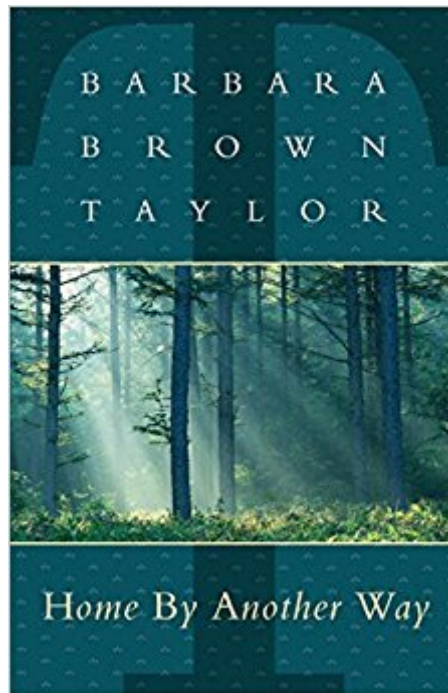




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Taylor is extraordinarily skillful at bringing the biblical message to life and linking it to human experience. She does not hover on the surface of either text or experience, but instead probes both deeply, bringing text into ever broader and deeper resonances with life and vice versa. She possesses an imaginative vision revealed in her attention to detail—she paints concrete biblical portraits and landscapes and then invites readers in. She makes the bible stories seem 'real' in compelling ways. In effect, she tells us that the lives and struggles of these colorful characters from millennia ago are not all that different from our own. (Anglican Theological Review) Sermons have been thought of as an art form for a very long time, but rarely have they been pure storytelling. Stories have embellished sermons for a variety of reasons and in this way have served to edify, inform, and inspire. Professor/priest Barbara Brown Taylor has elevated the pure story form and given it a new place in the pulpit. And she does it with the skills required of storytellers. . . . One would hope that this book will start a revolution in homiletics. (Christianity and The Arts) Another set of superb sermons by an Episcopal priest known for her preaching. These read remarkably well for

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Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest. She holds the Harry R. Butman Chair in Religion and Philosophy at Piedmont College in northeastern Georgia and serves as adjunct professor of Christian spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur. Recognized as one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English language by Baylor University in 1995, Taylor has published numerous collections of her sermons and theological reflections, including *Mixed Blessings*, *The Preaching Life*, *Home By Another Way*, *The Luminous Web*, *Speaking of Sin*, and *Gospel Medicine*.

Wonderful meditations for Epiphany and Lent by one of my favorite authors. I bought it used; it appears to be new and unread. Seller mailed it very promptly.

After reading quotes by Barbara Brown Taylor in a couple of other books, I checked out her book on and found it fascinating reading. I ordered the book and found it to be my own spiritual journey in another life. I couldn't put it down. It is full of expressions of her faith experience that speaks to my own. If you find yourself on the outskirts of the mainstream denominations of the Christian faith, you may find Taylor's book helpful in describing your own parameters of your faith journey.

Barbara Brown Taylor is a phenomenal Writer and Preacher! Her writing style is so easy to read and so rich and full of illustrations that are so relatable to our everyday life she is teaching in every paragraph. She makes you think all through her sermons and explains passages and Biblical concepts with such clarity you marvel at her intelligence. You don't want to be disturbed while reading her sermons and definitely feel like you have been to church and find yourself saying,

"AMEN" as you finish each sermon.

Barbara Brown Taylor has a way of re-telling familiar stories that make them come alive, and give a fresh perspective. These are the texts of her brief talks covering the full liturgical year, beginning with Advent and continuing on past Pentecost. Her prose is simply gorgeous. In reading some of these talks, I laughed and cried at the same time. She makes wonderful application of the stories to our own lives. I tend to prefer a less traditional or less literal, more metaphysical approach to the Bible, but Taylor's heart-felt insights really resonate with me and have inspired me. I plan to read her other books as well.

A wonderful series of sermons taking the reader through the church year often giving a perspective heretofore not thought of. It makes me wonder how much further we might have come, in our faith journey, if we had been listening to women from the pulpit since Mary brought us the good news of our Lord's resurrection on that first Easter morning!

Part of my spiritual reading every morning. The journey makes me happy I found the Episcopal church after my long journey.

Forget that these are a pastor's sermons and just read Barbara Brown Taylor's writings on different aspects of our Christian life. You may completely disagree with some of her views, but at least it challenges how you have always viewed something, and that is NEVER a bad thing! I loved her writing on the Holy Spirit! It was truly a breath of fresh air, literally!

A great resource and inspiration

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