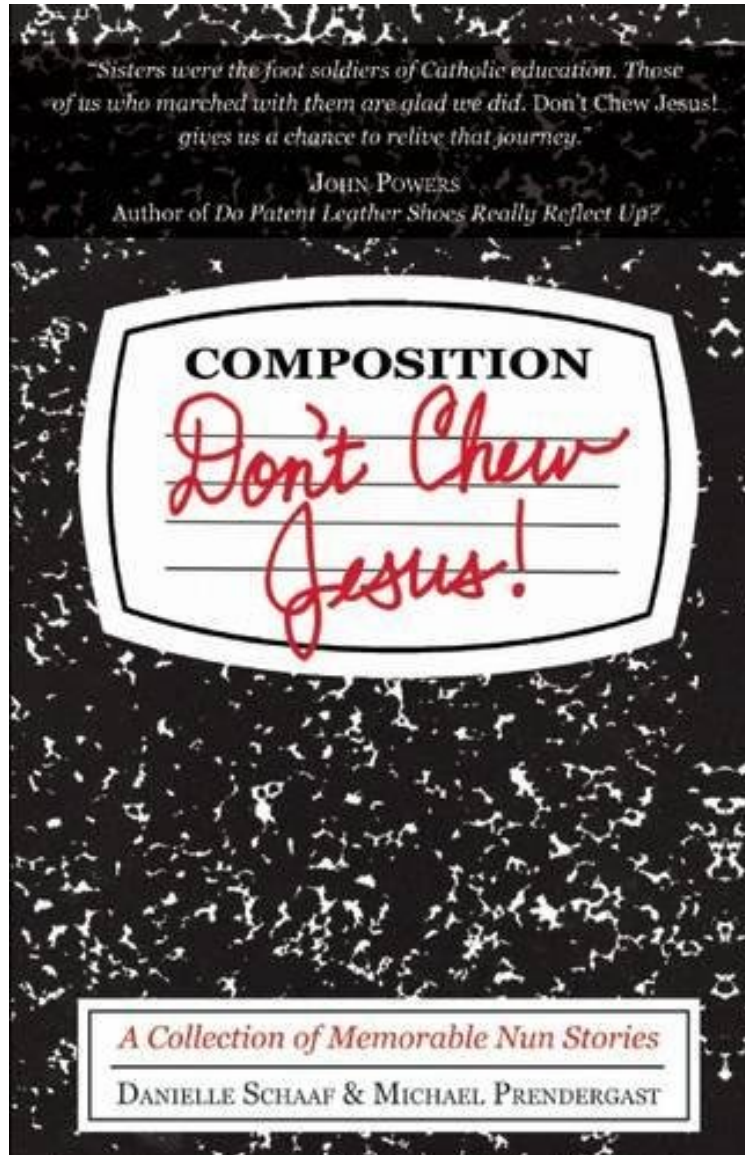


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5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good hearted but boringBy Elizabeth G MelilloI am sure that this book will give many readers a pleasant 'trip down memory lane.' The recollections of the contributors are fond and warm, which is a pleasant contrast with the current trends towards speaking ill of anything church-related. I found

myself thinking of details of my own school life which I hadn't brought to mind in forty years, and smiling with recognition. Nonetheless, the repetitive, boring quality of the book made it tiresome rather quickly. I would suspect that a reunion of ten school mates (Catholic or otherwise) would lead to more insightful, varied, and hilarious memories than did this large collection. Perhaps the problem was compilation and editing. Since individual entries were very brief, they were terse rather than vivid, and undoubtedly some were divorced from a larger and more amusing or inspiring context. Certain subjects, such as corporal punishment, were unduly emphasised, where others (such as academics) were mentioned only in passing. The (puzzling) idea that all Sisters were old (understandable at age 6, I suppose, when the 'old one' may have been 30) was repeated to the point of being as stale as a week-old scone. I believe the book could have benefited from more expansion of topics. For example, though discipline is prevented in a positive light, religious Sisters could have explained that both those in administration and many parents placed such importance on 'controlling the class' that rote assignments and group punishments, unfortunate at the effect could be, were desperate attempts to keep a gang of kids quiet. Though some Sisters (probably a small minority) were as totally ignorant of sex as some of the anecdotes suggest, more often even those well grounded in the subject had to fear making the remotest reference to sex, lest a few vocal parents protest that all such teachings had to come from parents. (Even the liturgical calendar could be troublesome, considering some children might enquire as to what Circumcision or Virgin meant!) The effort is positive, and in that a refreshing break from anecdotes one may find elsewhere, where people give the impression that Catholic schools were places of abuse and psychological damage. I was glad to see many others being grateful for Catholic education. Still, the scope was small, repetition constant, and the tales too clipped to contain much wit, humour, or reflection.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An honest, humor-filled book
By RK
This book is a lighthearted accounting of what it was like to be taught by nuns. The stories are wise, clever, honest and heartwarming. They took me back to a time in my life when I thought everyone in the world would forever be larger than me, especially the nuns whose strict, stoic kindness and sometime weird teachings permeated my life. If you've ever wondered what happens at Catholic school, or just want to reflect back on simpler times, read this book. It will make you laugh, cry and nod your head in recognition as you gain a better understanding of the nuns in your past life.

9 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Sisters of the Old School
By TundraBeeJMJ
Here are composite anecdotes from Catholic kids who survived it about "old-school sisters" - in all three senses of the phrase. Think of it as a pre-Vatican II, parochial Art Linkletter. For those unfamiliar, Catholics believe that, through the blessed miracle of transubstantiation, communion wafers actually become the body of Christ - hence the admonition "Don't Chew Jesus!" If you had to read this explanation to understand the title, then you are equally unfamiliar with the subject matter herein, you may benefit from Martin and Nelson's *They Glorified Mary...We Glorified Rice: A Catholic-Lutheran Lexicon* and may find the collection in "Don't Chew Jesus!" to rate, at most, a three star amusement. For Catholics, although not a Holy Read of Obligation, it is a fun flashback to the Way We (and They) Were. /TundraVision, Reviewer

Filled with fond recollections and touching stories, these tales from hundreds of contributors pay tribute to nuns—those monochromatically clad monitors of the right, the wrong, and the holy. Catholic nuns are portrayed as devoted and passionate women who, armed with an arsenal of educational weaponry ranging from creative storytelling to psychological terrorism, had the massive responsibility of molding children into model citizens of God. The brief, descriptive anecdotes cover subjects ranging from religious training, habits, and devotion to discipline, pranks, and the always-dicey sex education. Readers are introduced to such legends-in-the-making as baseball-playing nuns, telepathic nuns, gun-toting nuns, and even skinny-dipping nuns. These nuns have seen it all—the silly or the sad, the frightening or sublime—and always keep their gazes directed upward.

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