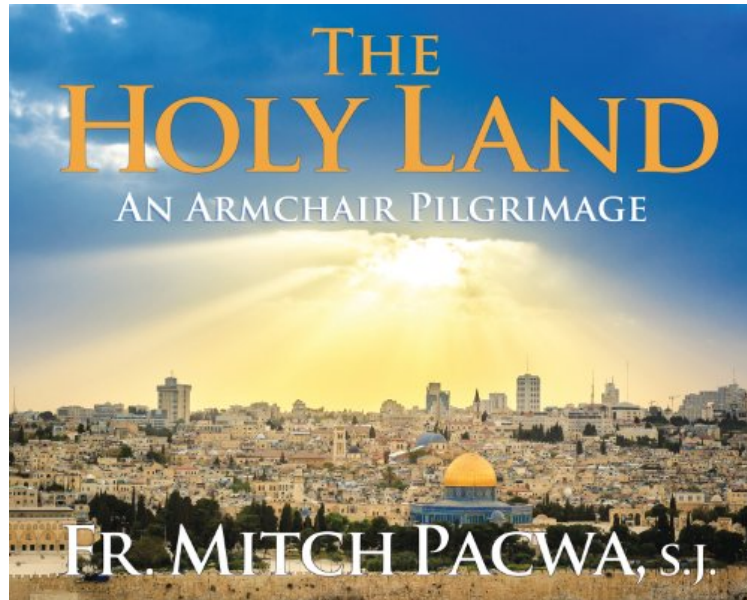


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Mitch Pacwa : The Holy Land: An Armchair Pilgrimage before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Holy Land: An Armchair Pilgrimage:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great overview of the Holy Land and thoroughly Catholic (of course) By Chris from Ohio I've always been on the look out for something that would help me picture in my mind and spur my imagination with the "life and times" aspect of our Lord. I've tried reading other commentary books on the Holy Land and came away disappointed. Thankfully, this book by Fr Packwa is very satisfying. As a Catholic, and for some reason especially in these times, I'm always on guard to read truly inspirational material and not "Catholic Lite" writings that seem to be more an apology for the faith rather than apologetics. Fr Packwa's book brings together in very matter of fact and clear prose the history of the region as a place where divinity intersected humanity, elements of Catholic doctrine that came forth from this encounter, and examples of how humanity responded (both positively and negatively) in its call to holiness. By site, the book contains great color pictures (the book format is "landscape" which enhances many of the long-shot photos) a brief reading from Scripture to set context, then a summary in Fr Pacwa's own style of certain special features that relate to the physicality of the site, and finally a meditation from Fr Pacwa for the reader to draw them into the scene more deeply. The book contained several good "nuggets" of insight about the region that I either had not thought about or misunderstood. I'll leave details about this to prospective readers since this becomes subjective based on a person's spiritual journey. It was comforting to know that the material presented was from an authority on the area (Fr Pacwa has traveled to the sites numerous times - 58 trips to Israel alone - since his time as a grad student, and with more study and experience he now has been given permission to guide his own groups who visit the sites). I recommend this book to any Christian and especially to any Catholic Christian who wants to deepen their faith by way of gaining knowledge and meditating on the physical side of Christ's life on earth and His interaction with both the believers and unbelievers of the time. P.S. Fr Pacwa has a regular program on EWTN which Catholics should check out if they have not yet done so. Fr Pacwa has a great gift of presentation of deep subject

matter which I believe would help anyone wanting to grow their faith. Highly recommended! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dry Land, Full Life By Brian F. Humphreys Educator, expositor, linguist, translator and priest Mitch Pacwa SJ reveals the force behind our Christian beliefs. It is as though God speaks to our hearts in every location of Christ's 33 year pilgrimage on Earth. Each Holy Site comes to life with a meaning and brilliance that transcends standard history or archeology. Father Mitch focuses on the spiritual essence of each venue and expounds a heavenly discourse. Why would God choose a vast wilderness as a background to teach us spiritual truth? Could it be that life is such a dry wilderness without God? This book is a must for any seeker of truth in the Holy Land. 16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Less words more photos needed By Aileen Wilson It is a top quality book and well written but I was hoping for lots of photos of the Holy Land since it was billed as an arm chair Pilgrimage. There are not very many photos of the Holy Land or even the shrines and churches. I must admit I was disappointed.

What's the next best thing to going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Mitch Pacwa? Being able to travel with him from the comfort of your home as the holy sites come to life through the pages of this book. With stunning images and thoughtful commentary, *The Holy Land: An Armchair Pilgrimage* is more than your typical travel guide. It also contains: A short commentary on each site, explaining its importance in salvation history A meditation for you to consider, encouraging questions such as, What can I learn from this place? Why does it matter to me? Prayers that Fr. Mitch uses on his annual pilgrimages, focusing on a personal faith response to the spiritual events commemorated at each site. Travel with Fr. Mitch to the sites of all twenty mysteries of the rosary, as well as other significant spots in the history of Israel and in the life of Jesus. Whether you've been to the Holy Land, plan to travel there one day, or prefer to stay in your armchair, this classic book will be a beautiful addition to your library.

Most of us won't be traveling to the numerous destinations eloquently discussed in *The Holy Land: An Armchair Pilgrimage*, but from the comfort of our homes, we can sit back, enjoy the ride, and benefit from the author's wisdom. Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., shares his vast pilgrimage experiences along with his expertise on Church teaching to bring us this masterpiece. I highly recommend this stunning book. --Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, EWTN TV host of Catholic Mom s Caf and author of *The Miraculous Medal: Stories, Prayers, and Devotions* It may sound cliché, but Fr. Mitch Pacwa's latest work, *The Holy Land: An Armchair Pilgrimage*, really is the next best thing to being there. That's because Fr. Mitch is not only a Scripture scholar, brilliant author, well-known talk-show host, and popular speaker, he has also visited the land of our Lord countless times and continues to serve as an expert pilgrimage leader. For those who have been there, this book will help you vividly recall the sights and sounds of those sacred places. And for those of you who have yet to take the pilgrimage plunge, Fr. Mitch will no doubt inspire you to finally make the journey of a lifetime. --Teresa Tomeo, bestselling Catholic author and syndicated talk-show host About the Author Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., was ordained a priest in 1976. A well-known biblical scholar, he has lectured at hundreds of conferences and churches around the world and has appeared on and hosted international radio and television programs. He is best known for his appearances on EWTN, where he currently hosts two programs, *Threshold of Hope* and *EWTN Live*. Fr. Pacwa also serves as the weekly host of EWTN Radio's *Open Line* program. Fluent in twelve languages, Fr. Pacwa has a unique understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East. His extensive travels to the Holy Land led to the publication of the *Holy Land Prayer Book* in 2004, and he recently released a video, *Holy Land Rosary*. He lives in Irondale, Alabama.