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Ignatian Spirituality and Spiritual Exercises: Annotated Bibliography

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Given the vast array of available texts on Ignatian spirituality and the limited space available for this annotated bibliography, I narrowly focus upon books I have used in my graduate and undergraduate courses at Fordham University, the Jesuit School of Theology (Berkeley), and the Graduate Theological Union.


David Lonsdale's *Eyes to See, Ears to Hear: An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2000) offers a broad overview of Ignatian topics. I recommend this book for those with little or no background in the topic.


Two books focus upon contemporary engagements with Ignatian topics. Dean Brackley's *The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times: New Perspectives on the Transformative Wisdom of Ignatius of Loyola* (NY: Crossroad, 2004) offers a global and social justice perspective to the appropriation of Ignatian spirituality. Roger Haight's *Christian Spirituality for Seekers: Reflections on the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2012) addresses an intended audience of secular, alienated, and post-Christian seekers, challenging its readers to reread Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises within a postmodern, secular, and scientific context. Haight's approach is such that classroom discussions on his material have been lively.

Especially with undergraduates, I find that offering additional primary materials enhances the classroom engagement with Ignatian spirituality. For example, the edited collection by the brother and sister team of Kevin Burke, S.J., and Eileen Burke-Sullivan, entitled *The Ignatian Tradition* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2009), a volume in the Spirituality in History Series, edited by Phyllis Zagano, offers 20 excerpts from the writings of mostly Jesuit and a few lay authors whose writings variously express an Ignatian vision. Running chronologically from Ignatius Loyola to George Ganss, the collection includes Jesuit saints, martyrs, scholars, and social activists, as well as laywomen such as Mary Ward, the 17th-century founder of a Jesuit-inspired congregation of English Ladies, and Josée Gsell, a leader in the Ignatian inspired Christian Life Community movement during the second half of the 20th century.

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