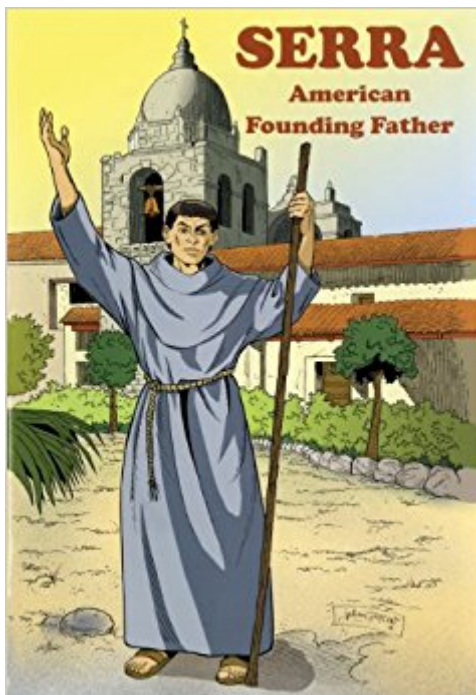


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Synopsis

Learn about Blessed Junipero Serra with this colorful graphic presentation of his life, his Franciscan vocation, and the many missions he founded in California after which many cities--such as San Francisco, San Diego, and Santa Clara--are named. From Junipero's youth in Mallorca, his education and travels to the New World, many adventures accompanied his quest to follow God's call, presented here in a fresh and engaging way. Both children and adults will enjoy this book.

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Customer Reviews

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This "comic book" format life of the 18th-century saint (canonized by Pope Francis in Washington, DC, in 2015) captures the historical figure of Junipero Serra. The author, the late Father Roy Gasnick, a Franciscan priest, had previously collaborated with Marvel Comics to produce a similar treatment of the life of St. Francis of Assisi. For young people who want to know more about this newly minted saint from American Catholic history, "Serra: American Founding Father" is a good introduction, done in a popular style. Purchasers should note that it was published before Serra was canonized. Father Gasnick does address the issue of how Serra treated the Native Americans in the missions, albeit briefly. Those looking for a more complete exploration of that issue will need to look at more scholarly treatments.

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