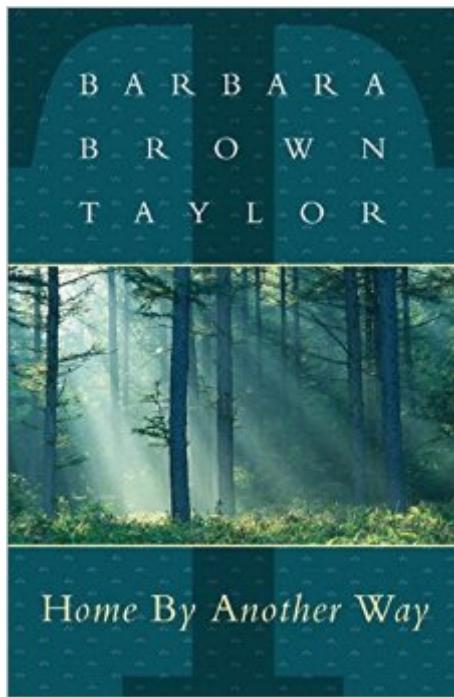


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# Home By Another Way



## **Synopsis**

In these sermons, Barabra Brown Taylor walks us through the church year from the expectancy of Advent to the fires of Pentecost and beyond. Her themes arise not only from a particular feast or fast, but out of the perennial questions of faith: doubt, grace, anger, and jubilation. These sermons are simply great stories well told.

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If you enjoy Barbara Brown Taylor's style of down-home wisdom and exposition on biblical texts, this is another worthy volume to add to your personal library. This book is a compilation of sermons that takes one through the various seasons unique to the Church. It is refreshing to reflect upon the texts that she has chosen-to hear anew the good news.

Home By Another Way is a series of sermons by Barbara Brown Taylor, organized around the seasons of the liturgical year. For my money, Taylor is the most insightful, empathetic and humane preacher around today. Her sermons lead us down paths where we travel inside our souls to discover the power and challenges of life move to percolate and be resolved. She brings the power of God into play in our daily lives. When I first started this book, I read a number of sermons together. I decided that this was not appropriate. This book should be savored, reading maybe one sermon a day. This allows time for meditation and contemplation.

Not long ago I confessed to a dear friend. I reminded Milly that I review some sermon books without reading every sermon! After she had gasped, uttering words of disbelief, I explained that few books of even short sermons contain equally good sermons. On first hearing Barbara Brown, attending the Lectionary Homiletics Conference I remember how I was stirred emotionally, mentally, and spiritually with her dramatic imagination. I was seized by her creative images from the stories in whatever passage of scripture she had chosen. On hearing her lectures about Job, I definitely looked forward to reading "Home By Another Way." Here I found one earlier excerpts, entitled, "Out of the Whirlwind." This is one of a few sermons in which she quotes from two sources, in those early lectures. I was impressed by friend, John Claypool's tributes to her "rare constellation of gifts: intellectual carefulness and depth," all coupled with an artistic sense of image-making. That alone speaks volumes! With my usual skipping over a few sermons, I was most attracted to: "God's Beloved Thief, Home by Another Way, God's Ferris Wheel, Lenten Disciples, A Tale of Two Heretics, Life Giving Fear(from time in CPE) "It Is Finished, Out of Whirlwind, Bothering God." Most were notable for looking up-close at her perspective with intimate viewpoints by using tough disclaimers! They often appeared in beginnings, mid-way or near her ending. There is one unique

hitch in her re-telling the basic story: she often adds a touch of creative imagination to develop the problem with clever resolution relating to basic forgivness of weakness, judgement, or justice,Placed within all ten books, I designate this one in being near the top of her Lectures and Sermons. From a semi-retired admirer and retired Chaplain, Fred W Hood

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 Taylor Brown has an easy writing style that's easy to read and enjoy. She uses language and illustrations that make contact and keep you interested. I recommend any and all of her efforts. It will be money well spent.

Wonderful book. I read a sermon a day and am amazed at the author's knowledge, vision, and expression. KA

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