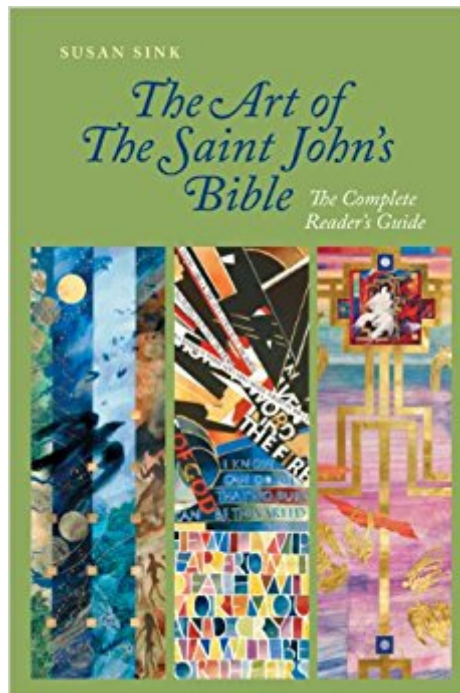




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# The Art Of The Saint John's Bible: The Complete Reader's Guide



## Synopsis

From the time that pages of The Saint John's Bible began touring in major exhibitions nearly a decade ago, people have been moved, captivated, and inspired by this stunning work of modern sacred art. But they often have questions about the illuminations that are scattered throughout the Bible, especially as they first become familiar with it. Why was a certain Scripture passage chosen for illumination rather than another? What materials and source imagery are behind the illuminations? The Art of The Saint John's Bible provides answers to these important questions and many others. Initially published in a series of three volumes, each book has now been revised by the author and included together in this helpful single volume. Since The Saint John's Bible is now complete, Susan Sink makes connections between recurring images and motifs throughout the work and reflects on the images with a view to the whole. Her book promises to intensify and expand the experience of all who come in contact with The Saint John's Bible.

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In The Saint John's Bible the art, plentiful and beautiful, is not there as decoration or even as illustration: it is there to illuminate, to light up Holy Scripture from within. It is sacred art, focused intently on Sacred Revelation. Susan Sink's magnificent book is above all a biblical book. She leads us into every section of the Bible, puts it in context for us, and makes clear how the art springs from and refers back to a salvific meaning. It is a book almost impossible to comprehend; it does not

ask us to comprehend. What it does ask is that we open our minds and hearts and allow the Word of God, written, drawn, and painted, to transform us. These pages are not for mere reading. They are for lectio divina, as befits a Benedictine book. Sister Wendy Beckett, Contemplative nun, author, art commentator By its sheer beauty and craftsmanship the Saint John's Bible compels its viewers to stand in awe. That experience will be further enhanced when readers have in hand Susan Sink's The Art of the Saint John's Bible. She presents us with finely crafted answers to questions we might not have even been aware we were seeking. Why that image? Those colors? How did they . . . ? A solid contribution to an epic enterprise. George Wilson, S.J.

Susan Sink is a poet and writer who lives in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She is an oblate of Saint John's Abbey. She is the author of a book of poems, *The Way of All the Earth* (2003), and all three volumes of *The Art of The Saint John's Bible* (Liturgical Press).

I have fallen in love with The St. John's Bible, and I am buying the set book by book. This would be way above my budget if purchased new and all at once, but gradually finding reasonable prices on good used volumes is quite economical. This guide book is excellent, sharing insights about the relationships between the illuminations, the text, and the calligrapher and artists working to bring out the beauty of the words. The author asks thoughtful questions of the reader, while telling the story of how it was all done. This book adds greatly to my enjoyment of the work.

The Saint John's Bible is one of the 21st century's truly magnificent artistic creations with its modern art, calligraphy, illuminations, English language format, and overall presentation. Having seen the actual Saint John's Bible and been a docent where it was/is on display in Naples, FL at the Baker Museum, it is a remarkable achievement ... the first hand-written Bible in some 550 years. Whether you are a Protestant or Catholic or not, the Saint John's Bible is a remarkable artistic achievement! Its modern art enhances the beauty of the religious nature of the document.

I'm still in the process of reading and plan to take my time. It's a wonderful addition to the Bible.

This is a fantastic book. The St. John's Bible comes alive in the meditations and the insights of its art. This is a book that makes the study of the Holy Scriptures put your heart on fire to experience Jesus in a whole new way.

I saw this exhibit at the Biggs Museum in Dover, De and had to have more information! This book covers all of the illuminations and will be a great reference.

A wonderful companion to the St. John's Bible, an intensely complex work. Ms. Sink's commentary helps the laity look beyond just what we see in these volumes, and to understand in the more spiritual realm, the magnificent art and poetry of this monumental work. He

Wonderfully packaged, absolutely beautiful...a real work of art and history. A beautiful family keepsake! Wishing you blessings of joy and peace!

Wonderful book

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