

# The Rite: The Making of a Modern Exorcist (Paperback)

## By Matt Baglio

Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The inspiration for the film starring Anthony Hopkins, journalist Matt Baglio uses the astonishing story of one American priest s training as an exorcist to reveal that the phenomena of possession, demons, the Devil, and exorcism are not merely a remnant of the archaic past, but remain a fearsome power in many people s lives even today. Father Gary Thomas was working as a parish priest in California when he was asked by his bishop to travel to Rome for training in the rite of exorcism. Though initially surprised, and slightly reluctant, he accepted this call, and enrolled in a new exorcism course at a Vatican-affiliated university, which taught him, among other things, how to distinguish between a genuine possession and mental illness. Eventually he would go on to participate in more than eighty exorcisms as an apprentice to a veteran Italian exorcist. His experiences profoundly changed the way he viewed the spiritual world, and as he moved from rational skeptic to practicing exorcis the came to understand the battle between good and evil in a whole new light. Journalist Matt Baglio...



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