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**A STUNNING NEW ILLUSTRATED BOOK ON ONE OF THE MOST
POPULAR AND BELOVED SUBJECTS IN THE WORLD: THE VIRGIN MARY**

“Judith Dupré has taken one of the oldest subjects in our human story and made her new. With simple, beautifully told (and often hilarious) stories on the nature of faith and doubt, and a gorgeous panorama of art-through-the-ages, FULL OF GRACE brings the Virgin Mary fully alive.”

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“*Full of Grace* is a rare gem: elegantly written, beautifully illustrated, theologically and historically sound, ecumenically-minded, and a potential delight to all, even those who think they have no interest in the Virgin Mary. This is a book to be savored, and returned to time and time again □ a great companion and guide on the road to enlightenment.”

— **Carlos Eire**, National Book Award-winning author of *Waiting for Snow in Havana*

FULL OF GRACE

ENCOUNTERING MARY IN FAITH, ART, AND LIFE

by Judith Dupré

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“We may take *FULL OF GRACE* as personal guidebook. Using a conversational tone, Judith Dupré brings together art, quotations, religious history and secular references to show how the courage and beauty of the mother of Jesus may be found within us all.”

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“Given the many things that the Virgin Mary has meant to people over the centuries, trying to imagine her is as absurd an undertaking as trying to imagine Woman herself. Nonetheless, thousands of artists have managed to do so with brilliant specificity. Judith Dupré has gathered together some of their art, along with some specific imaginings of her own, for a beautiful and provocative introduction to one of the most resonant figures in religious history.”

□ **Judith Shulevitz**, author of *The Sabbath World*

The Virgin Mary—mythic, spiritually compelling, and intellectually fascinating—has captivated people of all ages, faiths and backgrounds for over two thousand years. In the richly illustrated pages of **FULL OF GRACE: Encountering Mary in Faith, Art and Life** (Random House / On Sale November 2), bestselling author Judith Dupré offers a new twist on this popular subject, taking us inside Mary's world in ancient Palestine and showing us how thoroughly she inhabits our own, twenty-first century experiences.

Mary's devotees around the globe now number in the billions. Examining her enduring influence, Dupré touches on Mary's Jewish roots, her veneration by Muslims, and Our Lady of Guadalupe's powerful presence in Hispanic communities. More intimately, Dupré explores the joys of motherhood, the nature of patience, and the pain of divorce through a Marian lens in a series of heartfelt essays—one for each bead of the rosary. Illustrated with breathtaking Renaissance masterpieces of art and unexpected contemporary works, **FULL OF GRACE** is an unforgettable, transformative book.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Judith Dupré is the author of several international bestselling works of narrative nonfiction with a visual twist, including *Skyscrapers*, *Bridges*, *Churches* and *Monuments*. Winner of a number of prestigious fellowships, she holds degrees from Brown University and has studied at the Open Atelier of Design and Architecture in Manhattan. Currently, she is matriculated at Yale Divinity School where she is exploring the ethical implications of architecture and community building. She lives outside New York City.

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"Judith Dupre captivates the eye, mind and imagination."

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"Magisterial, meticulously researched, and handsomely illustrated."

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"Dupré is a scholar with a novelist's eye for detail and a journalist's easy style."

□ *New Criterion*, on *Monuments*

"A sheer delight to read...vivid and entertaining, informative and thought provoking."

□ *American Arts Quarterly*, on *Monuments*

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