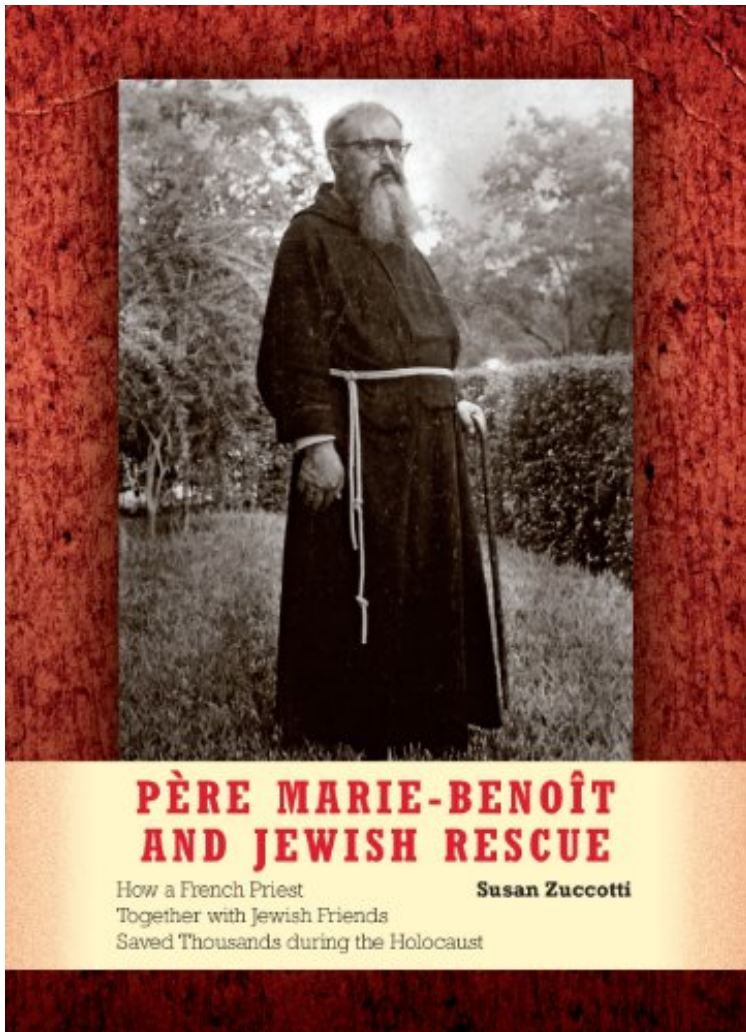


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Marie-Benot maintained his wartime Jewish friendships and devoted the rest of his life to Jewish Christian reconciliation. Papal officials viewed both activities unfavorably until after the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II), 1962-1965. To tell this remarkable tale, in addition to her research in French and Italian archives, Zuccotti personally interviewed Pre Marie-Benot, his family, Jewish rescuers with whom he worked, and survivors who owed their lives to his network. *Revue de presse* "Uncovers the story of one remarkable religious and priest during humanity's darkest time... The work is extremely compelling, engaging the reader's full attention, and challenging to put down." --Kevin P. Spicer, author of *Antisemitism, Christian Ambivalence, and the Holocaust* (IUP, 2007) "Provides a close-up look at how rescue during the Holocaust worked... To reveal in detail what happened over half a century ago constitutes an astonishing piece of sleuthing." --Michael Phayer, author of *The Catholic Church and the Holocaust, 1930-1965* (IUP, 2001) *Présentation de l'auteur* Susan Zuccotti narrates the life and work of Pre Marie-Benot, a courageous French Capuchin priest who risked everything to hide Jews in France and Italy during the Holocaust. Who was this extraordinary priest and how did he become adept at hiding Jews, providing them with false papers, and helping them to elude their persecutors? From monasteries first in Marseille and later in Rome, Pre Marie-Benot worked with Jewish co-conspirators to build remarkably effective Jewish-Christian rescue networks. Acting independently without Vatican support but with help from some priests, nuns, and local citizens, he and his friends persisted in their clandestine work until the Allies liberated Rome. After the conflict, Pre Marie-Benot maintained his wartime Jewish friendships and devoted the rest of his life to Jewish Christian reconciliation. Papal officials viewed both activities unfavorably until after the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II), 1962-1965. To tell this remarkable tale, in addition to her research in French and Italian archives, Zuccotti personally interviewed Pre Marie-Benot, his family, Jewish rescuers with whom he worked, and survivors who owed their lives to his network.