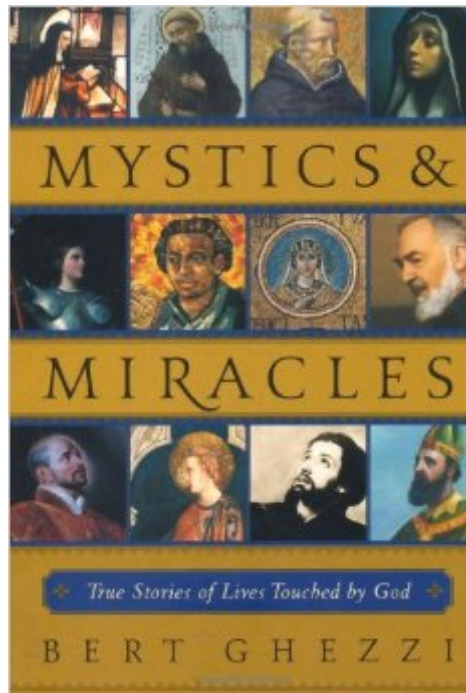


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What's that got to do with Bert Ghezzi's new book? Its mystics use all sorts of inexplicable marvels -

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