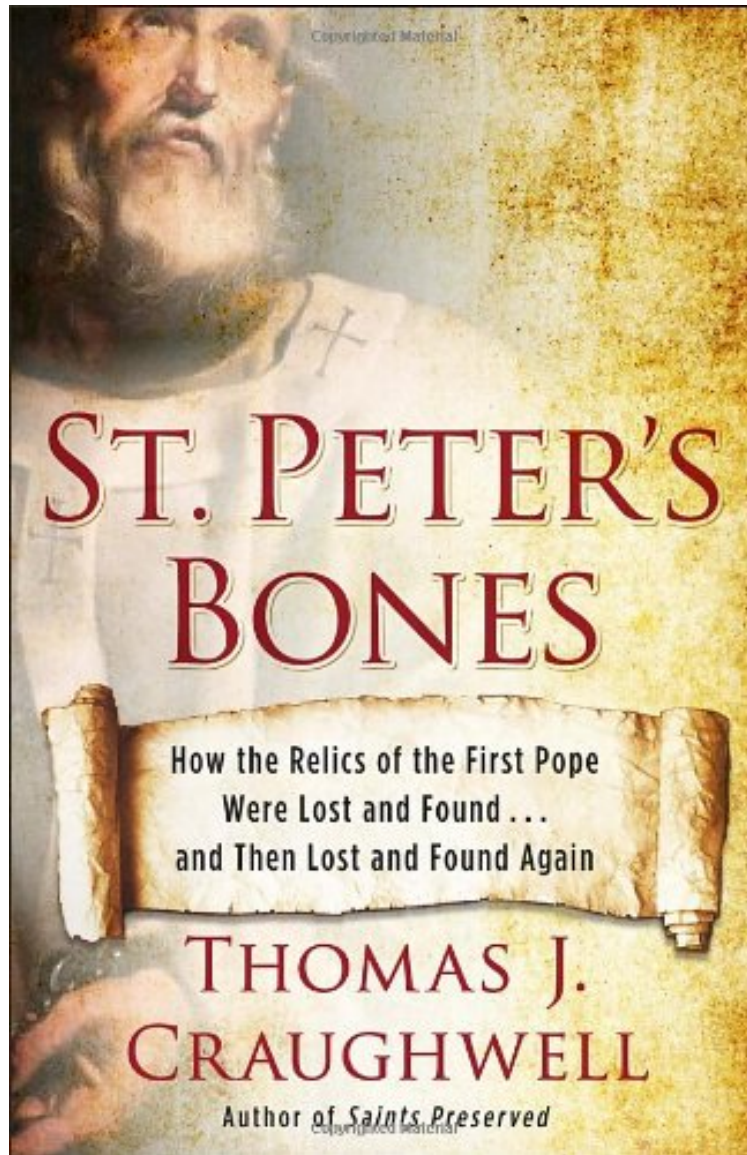


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.com QA with Thomas J. Craughwell Q. Youve written a couple books on saints and one on relics. What is it that first drew you to this topic? A. Ive been studying and publishing about the saints for thirty years. Naturally, if you study the saints, relics will be part of the picture. Q. What inspired you to write St. Peters Bones? A. I became especially interested in the story of the rediscovery of St. Peters relics after a 2006 visit to Rome, when I toured the Scavi, the excavations below St. Peters Basilica where the tomb of St. Peter is located. Through a glass door, I could see his bones. It was an unforgettable experience and led me to write this book. Q. What do you hope readers will take away from St. Peters Bones? A. I hope they find, as I did, that this is an Indiana Jones story, a quest for something priceless that was lost and then found. Q. How did you go about researching this subject? A. Several of the archaeologists involved in the excavation published accounts of their finds, and fortunately Fairfield University library (about 30 minutes from my house) had English translations of these books. Margherita Guarducci, the specialist in ancient inscriptions, also wrote about her findings, and her book is available online. Q. Did you discover anything that was particularly surprising? A. It was interesting to learn that were tensions among the archaeologists, and ever greater tension between the archaeologists and Msgr. Ludwig Kaas, the administrator of St. Peters Basilica. You would think they would all work together like a well-oiled machine, but human foibles emerged even among people who were at the top of their field and involved in one of the most significant archaeological digs in history.