Jude: A Pilgrimage to the Saint of Last Resort by Liz Trotta.

In her book, Trotta examines the popular devotion to Jude, the patron saint of lost causes. Jude, the least-known but greatly beloved apostle, has become associated with hopeless situations. Trotta explores the story of Jude's life and his impact on the church, particularly after being declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 and the Saint of Last Resort in 1889.

Trotta takes readers on a pilgrimage to various locations connected with Jude, including the shrines in Nineveh and Edessa, the place of his martyrdom. She also delves into the legend of how Jude appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in France centuries later.

Throughout her journey, Trotta highlights the persistent desire of people for Jude's intercession, especially in moments of despair. The patron saint of last resorts, Jude is shown to be a source of hope and comfort for those in difficult circumstances.

The book is rich with devotion to Jude and his story, offering insights into the history, devotion, and legacy of this relatively obscure saint. Trotta's account is both informative and engaging, making Jude: A Pilgrimage to the Saint of Last Resort a valuable resource for those interested in the life and devotion to Jude Thaddeus.