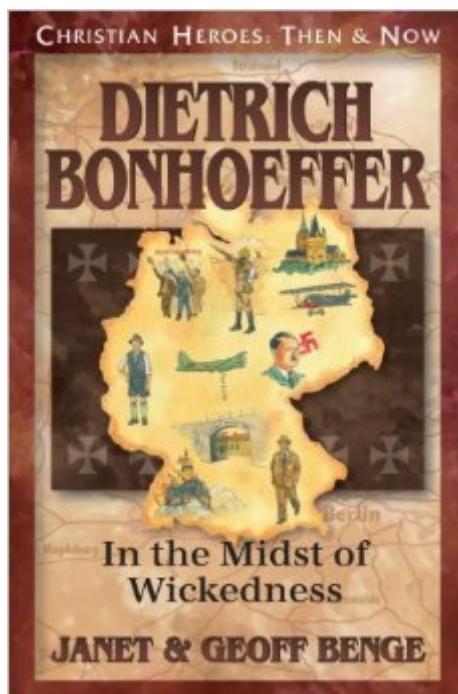


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# Dietrich Bonhoeffer: In The Midst Of Wickedness (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



## **Synopsis**

Written for readers age 10 and up -- enjoyed by adults! As Dietrich sang the German national anthem, he contemplated the devastation Hitler and the Nazis were perpetrating on Europe. Dietrich would do whatever he could to stop them, even if it meant pulling the trigger on the führer himself. He had thought about it from every angle, and his conscience was clear. Born into a loving family, Dietrich Bonhoeffer pursued a life as a pastor, teacher, theologian -- and spy. He spoke out about the trouble in Germany when Adolph Hitler came to power, urging the Christian church to rescue disparaged people groups and resist Hitler's evil empire. Accused of being a troublemaker, Dietrich continued on fearlessly in the midst of wickedness. His work as a spy in the German resistance and participation in a plot to assassinate Hitler led to imprisonment and eventual execution. But the lesson of his life story remains: "Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

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## **Customer Reviews**

Dietrich lived during both World War I and II. Although Dietrich and his family were somewhat cushioned during World War I due to their wealth and summerhouse which they could escape to, they still felt the effects of the rationing whilst in Berlin. Brought up as a Lutheran, Dietrich's mother did all the Bible readings. Dietrich's father, a psychiatrist and neurologist, was not a believer. As a teenager, Dietrich decided he wanted to be a theologian much to his family's surprise. His 18th birthday present was an extended two month trip to Italy with his brother, Klaus. Dietrich loved Rome and this trip changed his life. By the time Dietrich arrived back in Berlin, he had found his

life's mission - to investigate the real meaning of the word 'church'. Klaus, Dietrich's brother, was working beside Albert Einstein and Max Planck so that gives you an idea who was around in this era. Dietrich spent one year as an assistant pastor to a German community in Barcelona, Spain. He enjoyed his time there and learned to speak fluent Spanish. From 1930-31 he was in the USA where he was amazed at the racial discrimination. Studying in New York, he also traveled to Washington D.C., Cuba and Mexico. In this book you will learn how Hitler and the Nazi Party came into control over Germany. It was fast and swift! In the beginning it all sounded good to many but it was not long before the Aryan Paragraph was introduced (April 1934). In July the state run church for German Christians was introduced. Dietrich opposed all this but many ministers were happy with the arrangement! What happened on June 29th, 1934? When was the invasion of Poland? Dietrich helped start up the Confessing Church. The seminary he taught at and ran was away from Nazi prying eyes for a year enabling Dietrich to help graduate two sets of students. It was not long though before the Gestapo were arresting pastors from the Confessing Church. Joining the resistance was dangerous but Dietrich knew he had to do it. Where was he stationed? What was his job? When was he arrested? Read this compelling story of a man dedicated to the Lord no matter the cost. For those of you who are not aware, Dietrich's life on this earth ended by a trip to the gallows so if you are reading this aloud to your family, make sure you are prepared for the questions that may arise. This book is well written and I highly recommend it from our family to yours! Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906 to 1945

How many of us pray for the end of evil? How many of us do anything about it? Take a lesson from Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A Christian, a Pastor and a man that started his battle on his knees and ended it on his feet. This book takes you through his life from an early age until his death (also early). With the rise of Hitler and the Third Reich, Bonhoeffer knew within his heart and soul he had to do something to stop this ever growing evil. Follow him as he makes his decision as to what he was to do and how he would do it. I personally see a close resemblance to him and the Apostle Paul by their actions and ministry both in and out of prison. I'm glad this book was printed under the title of "Christian Heroes, then and now" because Bonhoeffer, without a doubt qualifies as one. The book was well written and easy to follow. I hope you will take the time to read it.

An enjoyable and inspiring read that flowed such that it drew one along without effort. Along the way you also learn a bit of how it was in Nazi Germany as well. Not difficult to read. It was written at a level even young adults could comprehend and draw benefit from.

I love this series of Christian Biographies. I have four small children at home, and when I began reading these books I liked the fact that I could be interrupted six thousand times and still be able to pick up where I left off without having to go back and re-read pages. They are very interesting and easy to follow. They have always kept my interest and once I finish one, I am back on to look for another. Now, I am a computer lab teacher in an elementary school, still interrupted six thousand times throughout the day checking on students' progress, helping them, etc, and I can go back to my desk and pick up from where I left off, even with the interruptions. If you're looking for a very in depth biography, this probably isn't the one for you. But if you are looking for an easy, informative, entertaining biography, this is it!

I have heard pastors encourage us to read about Bonhoeffer and now I know why. This story is such an example of putting Christ first in all ways; keeping oneself humble. The Holy Spirit certainly was working through Dietrich to educate and administer to not just those around him but through his writings too. I'm looking forward to reading many more of his books. Susan Heinrich, Lake Oswego, Or

While not a book delving into minute details of history, this was a summary book that contained detail where you needed to understand what and why the reactions were in response. I gave this book a 5-Star rating because of its readability. The book covered much of the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer which roughly was 1930's to 1945 during the ascent of the Nazi Party in Germany until the murder of Bonhoeffer in 1945.

First of all, I've really come to appreciate the Christian Heroes series. They're spot on for teens, but serve as a quick intro to the object of the biography for adults as well. This is an excellent "first look".

This is a great book for 4th - 12th graders to read. We had to do a little history explanation for our 4th grader. I would highly recommend this book! It is well written and a historical story that all young men and women should read about.

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