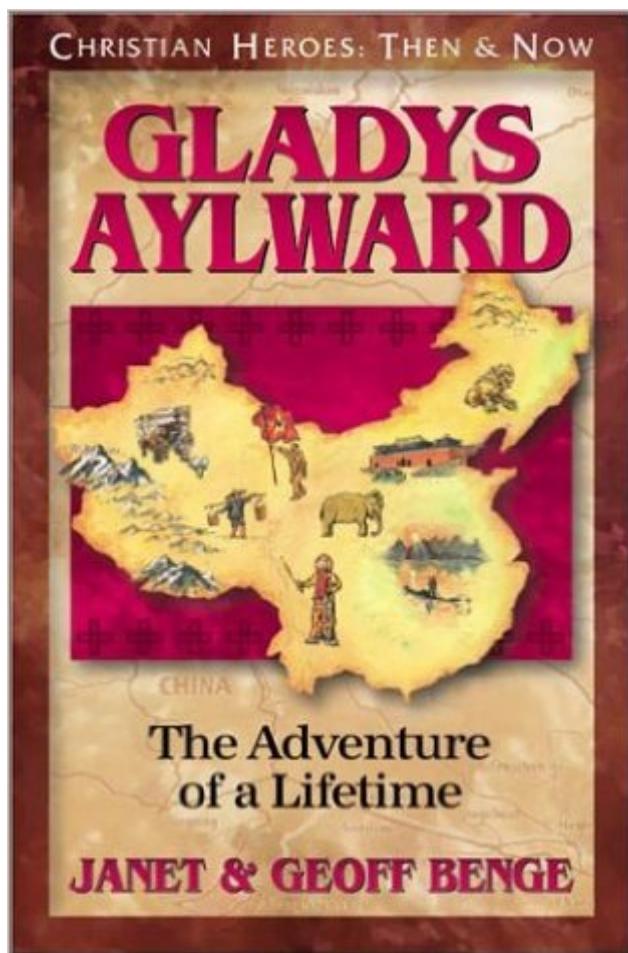


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Gladys Aylward: The Adventure Of A Lifetime (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



Synopsis

Without formal education or a missionary organization to back her, Gladys raised her own finances for the overland trip that would bring her to the country and people that God had etched so deeply on her heart... China! What follows is an amazing adventure of faith and determination. Gladys Aylward, a housemaid from England, dared to trust God in the face of dire and seemingly hopeless circumstances. Her life is one of the truly great missionary stories of our era.

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Customer Reviews

Wow, this book is awesome! I definitely recommend it. You must read this one! I am twelve years old, and I could not put the book down, and neither could my Mom. Just start reading it, and you will not stop! An excellent Christian book. This book tells about a young Christian lady that feels called to China to be a missionary. One of the most exciting parts of the book is when she is stuck in Russia and she has to find a way out or she will work in a machine factory all her life. Another exciting part is when her train stops in the middle of a battle field! Incredible is the part where she is running from Japanese soldiers; also when they bombed her village. Wow! And tracking over mountains with one hundred kids isn't boring either. Please read this book, it is one of the best books I've ever read!

My boys and I (ages 10 & 6) just finished reading this wonderful book. We home school and read

many books together. Honestly, my guys did not want to read about a woman missionary. However, by the middle of the book, they would ask me to read another chapter. It was inspiring and exciting. Her life was full of life and danger. It was incredible for my boys to realize this was a real story, not fiction. I highly recommend it as a book to read as a family. We loved it.

I've literally just tucked my children into bed, having read the last three chapters of this amazing story--we couldn't stop! My 7 year-old son was intrigued from start to finish, and my 4 year-old daughter, asked "Could we read it again, PLEASE? " I'm now on the look-out for any other books about Gladys Aylward. What a shame that I grew up not knowing anything about this Godly, brave woman. What a story! We've been reading a chapter each day aloud, and have enjoyed every single word. I highly recommend it!

This biography of Gladys Aylward takes as resources all of the other biographies. It is written at a level so that children 9 and up can enjoy and benefit from. Gladys' life shows how God can do great things through a submitted and willing servant. Gladys started life as a servant for wealthy families, but God had other plans for her. While at a revival meeting, she became convinced that he was leading her to China. Even though she knew no Chinese, had no contacts in China and flunked out of China mission school, Gladys saved up her money and bought a one-way ticket to China. The adventures and close escapes she had keep you glued to the pages, all the while glorifying God and all that He did for the Chinese people through His humble servant. Well recommended for home-schools.

We saw the movie "Inn of the Sixth Happiness" and had to know more about this amazing woman. Our search lead us to this book. I read it out loud to my 12 year old daughter as my husband did the driving back from our Christmas vacation in Illinois. We read it straight through as we drove straight through! It was even more exciting than the movie! We, too, are on the lookout for anything more we can find to read about Gladys Aylward -- a true role model for our kids!!!

It is incredible to think that a single young lady could accomplish so much in such a short lifetime. Only someone sold out to God could be used in wonderful ways like this. Thank the Lord that people like Gladys Aylward do answer the call to spend their lives serving Him. She gave up all of the normal comforts of western life and totally followed God's will. She even sacrificed the hope of a husband and family, but God gave her a bigger family than she could have ever imagined! She

dared to head off into the unknown with nothing but her faith in God. It proved to be more than enough and God blessed her with spiritual fruit beyond our understanding. You must read this book! It is so well done and inspiring! It would be great for the whole family. I pray He will call out many more people like Gladys Aylward into the dark corners of the world.

Since none of the other reviewers mentioned this, I thought I'd let people know that there are a number of disturbing events (like beheadings) that may upset some children. The book uses the word "prostitution" once, which might raise questions if your child hasn't encountered this word yet. I'm not saying don't read it....Gladys was an amazing woman and the story is fascinating from start to end. I just wanted potential readers to be aware so that they are not surprised (as I was). It lists it for children ages 4-8, but it seems like it is more appropriate for grades 4-8.

This book is amazing. I'm 11 years old and I've probably read it 5 times. Our family has read through at least 30 of these, and this is one of my favorites. Gladys Aylward's story is unbelievable - she started out as a housemaid with poor grades and ended up a missionary in China, as well as the mandarin's trusted advisor! The thing I love about Gladys is she never gave up. She only had a few pennies saved up; she knew no one in China; she didn't even know what she was going to do there. On the journey she rode into a war zone in Russia and was forced to walk the 30 miles back to the nearest town; she was almost forced to work as a machinist for the Communists for the rest of her life; she was put in prison, robbed of all of her things, traveled on a mule litter for two months. When she finally arrived the person she was to work for died and she experienced executions, prison riots, persecution, bombings, and much more! These books are both cliffhangers and a way to build your faith and learn about other people who had amazing courage, strength, and faith in the Lord.

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