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The Inspirational Story of the Twentieth Century's Greatest Evangelist Billy Graham has preached the gospel message in person to more people than anyone in history, and millions more have heard him through television, radio, and film. His faithful witness is testimony to his great love of God and passion to serve Him. This easy-to-read biography tells Billy Graham's story, including his humble beginnings as a southern farm boy, his calling to the ministry, the start of the crusades, his service to America's leaders, and his later years preaching around the globe. As you read these details of a life dedicated to the cause of Christ, you will be encouraged. Also these stories will inspire anyone who desires to give their life in service to God. Here's a fresh look at a contemporary man of God and giant of the faith.

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Danise Distasi says

Love Billy Graham! Great job, Terry Whalin!

Veronica Jones-brown says

If you are a fan of biographies and an admirer of Billy Graham, his contributions to the Kingdom and his zealous work for God, read this book. It “capture[s] the key turning points in Billy Graham’s life.” Becoming aware of how God ordered Billy Graham’s steps was perhaps the most valuable insight I gained from the book. Becoming better acquainted with Bill Frank, the man, who loved God, milked cows, revered hard work, and honored and obeyed his parents made the reading enjoyable and every bit worth the time, effort and energy. Terry Whalin’s clear and concise writing style will lead you to a greater familiarity with the major components of Billy Graham’s evangelist beginnings and the formation of his ministry.

Disclosure of Material Connection: I received a free e-book for review. I was not required to post a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I've attempted to present an objective review. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255 <[...]> : "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

Pamela Christian says

When I received the complimentary copy of Whalin's book for review, my first thought was: This 152 page book can't possibly adequately reveal the life and biography of Billy Graham—a man whom a vast majority believe is the greatest evangelist America has ever had.

Then I read, "Spanning more than ninety years, Billy Graham's story cannot be contained in a single book. The stories of changed lives through his preaching could not be contained in a roomful of books. This short biography attempts to capture the key turning points in [Billy Graham's] life." And so it does.

No one can read a book without being influenced by his/her own point of view, interests, and focus. As one who also seeks to share the Gospel of Jesus, I was tremendously moved reading of the many miraculous interventions of God in the life and ministry of Graham. I was inspired as I read of Graham's humility in a variety of situations that would (and have) puffed up many other workers of the Gospel. And I was grateful for such an example of a servanthood dependence on God by one of the most influential leaders in contemporary times.

How many times have I heard methods and formulas and such taught to ministry leaders so that they can "grow their ministries and reach more people for Christ." Graham's story, as told by Whalin, demonstrates that ministry effectiveness has nothing to do with any thought or deed of man, but solely a deeply held surrender to and belief in God, His character, His will and His intentions for humanity.

Thank you God for Billy Graham. And thank you God for Whalin's journalistic-like overview of Your willingness to work in the life of a selfless and faithful servant. Understanding this truth gives us hope that more will follow in Graham's footsteps, for Your glory.

Pamela Christian

Multiple award-winning Christian author, radio and television host.

Keith MD says

I grew up on a farm and found Terry Whalin's account of Graham's early life nostalgic and captivating. The evangelist became human. Whalin provides intimate details throughout his subject's life, from how many cows he had to milk on the farm; how he loved sports, sometimes at the expense of his studies; how he met key individuals and heeded their advise; how God brought Ruth into his life; how he influenced not only the poor and humble, but the rich and famous. I highly recommend this biography.

Diane Pitts says

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The passing of the baton is well documented and flourishes through his children and grandchildren. Terry Whalin brings a timely read about the man who continues to shape our world through them and the people in the crusades (like me).

Janet Ann says

Unlike most biographies, Billy Graham, A Biography of America's Greatest Evangelist is short and easy to read. You might even call it cozy non-fiction.

But the author W. Terry Whalin has included all the important information about Graham's life from his childhood to the present day. And an unusual life it was!

Billy Graham has touched thousands - perhaps millions - of lives and this book helps us feel like we know him personally. It's definitely worth reading.

Nadine says

I can't vouch for its being comprehensive about Billy Graham's life, but it is a very interesting quick read. I'd recommend it for teens and those who want to learn of the importance and scope of Graham's influence. Of particular interest to me was Chapter 13 relating his interactions with all the Presidents from Kennedy through Obama. I received a copy to review through Goodreads First Reads.

Sharon Jenkins says

Billy Graham, A Biography of America's Greatest Evangelist is a revolutionary reminder of God's unchanging love for a dark world that is in desperate need of His light. It is a profile of how God can take frail mankind and use him for the glory of his kingdom, thus changing the lives of millions. Billy Graham's devotion to his calling and love for the souls of ALL men is refreshing. W. Terry Whalin has expertly captured his life in the 153 pages of this book. It made my heart weep again for the lost and propelled me to evangelism. SHARON C. JENKINS, The Master Communicator

John Brubaker says

Fascinating, captivating and a delightful read. You know you've got a well written book in your hands when the author is able to educate you, inform you and entertain you all at the same time.

Having read about Billy Graham before I was expecting to see some common themes. Instead with every turn of the page I found myself learning new things about the man, his career and his legacy.

A great read.

Mary Kenyon says

I have vivid memories from my childhood years of a man on television preaching in a commanding voice to the television audience and the large crowds of people present wherever he spoke. Even then, I wondered at my parent's choice of programming. Weren't the Sunday church sermons enough? Raised in a strict Catholic home, I'd heard more than once that my church was the only way to heaven, and this man was not Catholic. I would pull out a book to read or wander to the corner of the room to play until the speech was over. And yet, this man's booming baritone promise of salvation at the end of each broadcast drew me nearer to the screen each time. As a teen, I sent for at least one paperback Billy Graham offered free to viewers. So it was with great interest that I picked up this book, eager to read more about the man behind the words that even my devout Catholic parents craved. Whalin's book did not disappoint, delving into the background of Billy Graham and his reasons for becoming an evangelist. Terry Whalin flawlessly weaves some interesting anecdotes into a fascinating story, adding to the ease of reading what could be some dry text otherwise. As a female reader, I would have liked a little more back story of what must have been a real balancing act combining marriage and ministry, but that might be a book in itself. As a mother, I did have a hard time getting past Billy and Ruth's decision to leave an infant daughter for two months early on in the ministry, but

that says more about me than it does about the man the book is about.

Jane says

I saw Billy Graham at Roker Park in Sunderland some 30plus years ago, so was very much looking forward to reading his biography and I was not dissapointed. The book is an easy read and you feel the author knows Billy well

Terry says

Terry Whalin's biography is full of wonderful anecdotes and stories about America's greatest evangelist. After the first two chapters' background information, I found myself glued to the pages as the story of Billy Graham's faith and legacy developed. In spite of my personal connections to Billy and his ministry, many of the stories were new to me and gave me a fresh admiration for him and his commitment to leadership and ministry. Whalin provides a comprehensive history of Billy's maturation, his personality, his marriage and family, and his unique commitment to the Gospel.

This book is not long (152 pages) and I think that makes it more attractive to a wider audience. The particular focus on Graham's adolescent and young adult years will resonate with young readers as well. I recommend this book for readers all ages who want to learn more about this dynamic leader and his ministry who was "the friend of presidents" and who had the blessing of God on his life.

Sally Stap says

This book was fascinating and well-paced. I enjoyed little details that W. Terry Whalin captured about Billy Graham's childhood and journey. Laying out Billy Graham's personal story in parallel with the broad impact of his ministry on the world was a great blend. Terry does a nice job of showing what a powerful impact God can make through one individual. One little boy grew into one great man who has always deflected any praise to God who made it happen. The book was a great reminder of Billy Graham crusades – both their size and impact. I particularly enjoyed the stories of Billy's impact on many US presidents and world leaders. I recommend this book to anyone as a great reminder of the importance of evangelism.

Laura Steward says

I started to read this book because I knew the author. I finished it because I couldn't put it down. Along the way I learned a lot about Billy Graham, his early years, and the evolution of his ministry. Beyond all that, I was moved by the way the author's words transcended the physical page. I found myself so moved by the stories of faith, spiritual conversations with world leaders and even the intimate details of behind the scenes questioning the Graham family and staff had as they traveled the world that tears often came to my eyes. Yet throughout the entire read, I felt a great peace descend upon me as if there was a personal message to me hidden inside the pages.

Whether the same feelings or personal messages come to you, or if you just read this book to enjoy an inside

look at the man that is Billy Graham and the lasting, life changing for many, impact he has had on the world, I don't believe you will be disappointed.

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