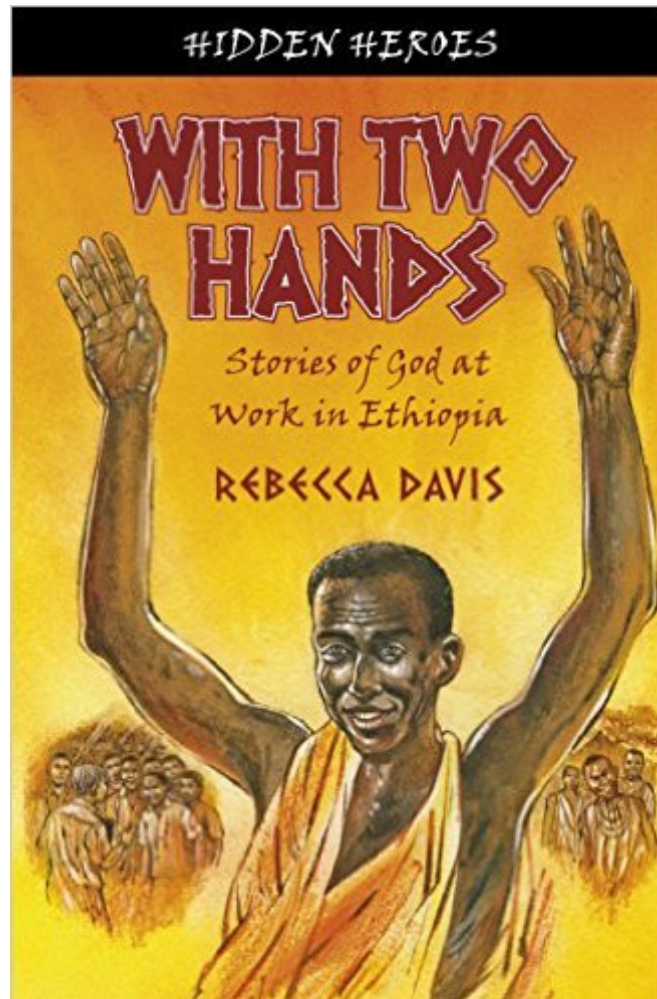


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With Two Hands: True Stories Of God At Work In Ethiopia (Hidden Heroes)



Synopsis

Why would a crippled old man wait by the side of the road every day for twenty years? Why would a slave and a witch doctor walk for three days to find a man called Jesus? Why would a lame man purposely walk to a tribe where he knew he could be killed? Sixteen captivating true episodes from the ministry of missionary Dick McLellan in Ethiopia, as well as many national missionaries, show the power of God in the midst of darkness. One by one the people declared, "With this hand I renounce the devil and all his works! With this hand I embrace my Savior Jesus Christ! All I am and all I have! Two hands!" First in the Hidden Heroes series of true missionary stories for children. Inspirational stories for preteen (ages 9-12) and suitable for read-alouds for younger children. Evangelical Protestant Christian missionaries take the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who then take it to their own people. Biographical true accounts bring the miraculous work of the gospel to life through personal testimonies of historical figures.

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Customer Reviews

WITH TWO HANDS is a powerful missionary story about the work of God in Ethiopia in the mid to late 1900s. The book follows Australian missionary Dick McLellan and the Ethiopian Christians God saved through McLellan's ministry. Readers will be amazed at the Providence of God in paving the way for the Gospel of Jesus Christ through visions and prophecies that came to villagers who had never heard of the One True God. Over and over again, we read of instances where a missionary or

evangelist arrives at a remote village only to learn that the people there were waiting for just such an occasion because of a long-ago prophecy. These remarkable "coincidences" strengthen the reader's faith as he sees how God works to bring His word to those who have never heard. Importantly, the Word of God is central--those who believe do so because of the Word of God, not because there was a prophecy of a white man coming or a vision of gold leaves (a Bible whose pages have gold-colored edges). They believe when they hear the story of Jesus Christ and His saving power. Children will thrill to stories of witch-doctors whose fear of demons and whose cruel manner of life melt away once they meet the Savior. Christians are miraculously protected from harm, seemingly impossible obstacles disintegrate, and hardened adversaries come to Christ. This book is a good read-aloud for children. I read it to my children, but often got choked up and had tears running down my cheeks, so it might have been better (in my case!) to let the kids read this one on their own. Or get Dad (or someone who won't blubber through the stories) to read it.

Chapter 10 tells of Tumoli, a ruthless, murderous gang leader in route to burn a family alive while asleep in their house. He and his men stumble on an large, outdoor evangelistic meeting and God wonderfully transforms Tumoli as God opens his heart to the Gospel. Chapter 14 tells of a furiously angry crazed communist leader who came with his men to break up a large outdoor Christian gathering. As he pointed his rifle at the head of the Australian missionary and could not pull the trigger because of a supernatural power, he left in a rage and was the only one killed when his truck hit a tree. Every chapter speaks of the God of heaven at work through the body of Christ in Ethiopia to bring thousands into His kingdom in the midst of communist rule. Terrific reading.

• Two hands! With this hand I renounce the devil and all his works! With this hand I surrender to Jesus Christ! All I am and all I have. • When men and women from the Omo River region in Ethiopia come to Christ, they often proclaim their allegiance to Christ in this way. *With Two Hands* recounts some of the amazing ways in which the gospel has spread in Ethiopia since the middle of the last century. Australian missionary, Dick McClellan, and many, many faithful Ethiopian evangelists shared the good news with men and women despite suffering beatings, burnt buildings, imprisonments, and attempted murders. Rebecca Davis masterfully tells of how God has been building His church in Ethiopia. For example, Fanta, a man who walked slowly and painfully with the help of crutches, courageously went to a fearsome tribe who routinely killed all strangers. But instead of losing his life, Fanta was welcomed because it turned out the tribe held in special regard

those with deformities! In a relatively short time, many of those formerly brutal men became followers of Christ! Story after story will build your faith and leave you in awe of God's power and might. We greatly enjoyed *With Two Hands* as a read-aloud, and I'm looking forward to exploring more in this series.

I enjoyed reading this Christian biography. The title, Hidden Heroes: With Two Hands, suits it well, as the book describes the life of Christians the world has never heard of. It was very interesting to see all of the little details and seemingly coincidental things work together as part of God's plan. It's a great reminder for my own life. I'm not sure if this is part of a series or not, but I would enjoy reading more.

Good stories.

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