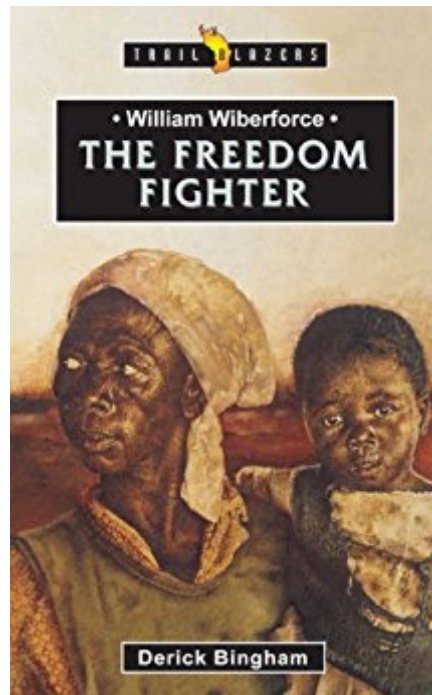




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William Wilberforce: The Freedom Fighter (Trailblazers)



Synopsis

'No! No! cried the little boy, 'Please no! I want to stay with my Mother!' 'Be quiet!' shouted the man who roughly pulled his mother from him. She was taken to a raised platform and offered for sale, immediately. The heart-broken mother was to be separated from her little boy for the rest of her life. This was the fate of thousands of women and children in the days before slavery was abolished. One man fought to bring freedom and relief from the terrors of the slave trade; it took him forty-five years. His name was William Wilberforce. This is his exciting story that shows the amazing effect his faith in Christ and his love for people had on transforming a "A story deserving to be told to a new generation." Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, Former Prime Minister "If ever I relived a life in my imagination it was while writing this life of the greatest Christian politician of all time. I travelled with him in my mind to his life as a boy in Hull and on to Cambridge University. I marvelled at the way the Lord reached him and saved his soul. I held my breath as he took on the horrendous slave trade in a three-hour speech before the House of Commons that became one of the greatest speeches in the history of mankind. His eventual triumph over slavery, three days before he died was astounding! The greatest joy I have experienced following the writing of this book has been to see it published in Arabic" Derick Bingham ~ Was the teaching pastor at Christchurch, Belfast "The abolition of slavery in the U.K. has an anniversary in the year 2007. This is why teachers, Sunday school teachers and children's workers should make sure they stock up on Wilberforce material in the run up to this. A film on Wilberforce's life is also being launched in 2006. Make the most of these events and get Christian books into children's homes on the back of them!" Catherine MacKenzie ~ Author and CF4K Editor

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Customer Reviews

This is the fourth book about Wilberforce that I have read and all of them have been disappointments. I don't know why, he is such an interesting figure, but all of the books read like college papers. Meandering here and there but never telling the story in a concise fashion. I purchased this book as a replacement in our homeschool curriculum...didn't finish reading it to my kids. I could see them fading out of the story because it tried to give too much back story of other characters...the result was my kids didn't understand this was book about someone fighting against slavery. The opening chapter was great...very captivating...what happened?

This was our introduction to the Trailblazers series, and we were not disappointed. Although the book lacks the depth and detail one might find in a more academic book or a book geared to a higher reading level, the information contained was accurate and was a great supplement to the movie "Amazing Grace."

We used this book to compare the way in which the United States approached the abolition of slavery versus the way England approached it. It was well written and informative.

These books are wonderful, and not just for children (I've just finished William Wilberforce) This would be a great re-introduction to reading for adults, as they're not so simplistic as to be insulting, but also not so wordy and difficult to comprehend as to make them discouraging. It would also make great family reading, as there are discussion points at the back of the book for each chapter. I thoroughly enjoyed this story, and it made me realize just how wonderful God was to place William Wilberforce in history at that precise time. He became instrumental in so many worthy projects; not just the abolition of the slave trade. His moral character, based on his Christian faith, made a huge impact throughout England, and, by example, likely many other parts of the world as well. He

promoted education and fair treatment for the children and poor; and helped wherever he could. This book (and the entire series) would make a great addition to any parent's (or grandparent's) library, to share with their families. I highly recommend it.

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