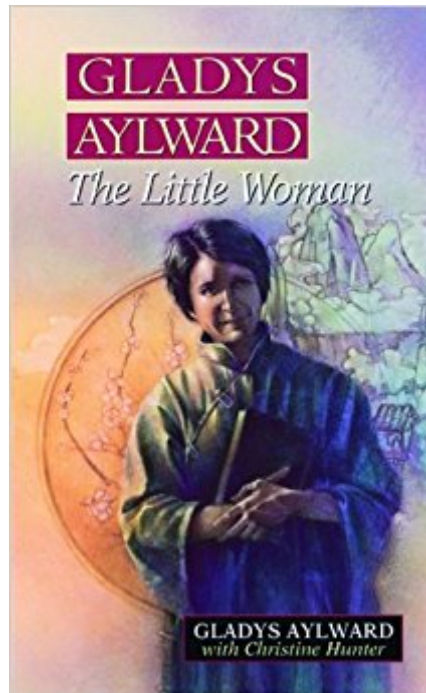




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Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman



Synopsis

A solitary woman. A foreign country. An unknown language. An impossible dream? No. With no mission board to support or guide her, and less than ten dollars in her pocket, Gladys Aylward left her home in England to answer God's call to take the message of the gospel to China. With the Sino-Japanese War waging around her, she struggled to bring the basics of life and the fullness of God to orphaned children. Time after time, God triumphed over impossible situations, and drew people to Himself. The Little Woman tells the story of one woman's determination to serve God at any cost. With God all things are possible! A true story of a determined missionary, Gladys Aylward : The Little Woman will challenge you to bold and expectant faith.

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Customer Reviews

GLADYS AYLWARD (1902-1970) is known as [The Little Woman](#) or [Virtuous One](#) who was a missionary to China for many years. At the beginning of her tenure, Gladys joined a seasoned missionary widow to run an inn where, in the evening, they would entertain their guests with stories from the Bible. Gladys also began taking children into her home, and soon she had an orphanage with about 100 children. She is author her autobiography entitled Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman. The 1958 film *Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, is loosely based on events from her life. Gladys died in Taiwan at age 67 of pneumonia.

A year ago I gave up reading fiction on the advice of an old Christian writer. I have been blessed by

the stories of so many unlikely missionaries. God can turn a prostitute, a nazi soldier and a house maid into His servants. This book was easy to read. The tales of her journey through Eurasia sucked me in and her testimony left me energized. I was horrified by the conditions in which she brought 100 children over the mountains but nevertheless God kept her under His wing. I left fiction and found true stories that are more exhilarating than any made up fairytale.

I totally enjoyed the story of a little woman that the Lord used mightily for His glory and the benefit of the Chinese Christians. May He raise up more little women who are prepared to give their lives for others. In the midst of horrendous persecution the message of the gospel is music to the ears of those whose hearts have been prepared for it. May their tribe increase in every country so there will be many around the throne of our Risen Savior.

Amazing display of the grace and power of God in the life of one who was inadequate for service in the eyes of people who tried to discourage Gladys from going to China as a missionary. Her obedience to go to China alone and without the aid of a missions board was rewarded by the Lord. Not only was she known throughout northern China as one who loves, but led many people to Christ and rescued hundreds of children in the midst of war. An example of God using the weak to show His great power, grace and mercy. If you like to read missionary biographies, this is a must read! I have seen Hollywood's version of Gladys Aylward's life in China but it doesn't compare to the real story. I would love to see this remarkable story made into a Christian movie. What faith, bravery, obedience, joy and sacrifice this small lady experienced is a great reminder that "little is much when God is in it!"

This book is in my opinion the best one of the biographies of Gladys Aylward. I've read the others, but they were seen through another author and seemed more like adventure stories. This autobiography, however, puts you in Gladys' shoes so you can see and feel her prayerful reliance on God. You'll see God work through this humble parlourmaid, calling her to China and her obedience through the most harrowing circumstances. Gladys did what God told her to do and trusted in God to provide the means, even when it did not seem obvious and the hardships were many. Every time Gladys got into a dangerous predicament, God would move His Hand and send deliverance, a woman speaking English in Siberia, a Japanese sea captain taking her prisoner, or a Nationalist patrol boat that just happened upon a prayer meeting held at the banks of the Hwang Ho where 100 children asked God to part the river for them to cross. God worked through Gladys to

change the lives of slaves, murderers, children, Mandarin officials, bandit generals, lepers, students and many many ordinary villagers, throughout the remote mountainous area Gladys was called to. And He furnished the way, whether it was as a foot-inspector, or in a prison riot, or while warplanes droned overhead in caves and tents, even to a Tibetan Lamaist monastery and finally to an Irish asylum. Everywhere God called Gladys, He used her to touch and transform thousands of ordinary lives. Gladys arrived in China penniless, and she left China almost 20 years later penniless. Every step of the way she trusted God for His provision and His leading. This is truly a story that will inspire you and teach you what great things God can do through a humble person who trusts and obeys Him.

I've had several copies of this book over the years and give them away. This time it's on kindle so I'll keep it! I LOVE this story...of a woman no one had confidence in but she had confidence in God and did mighty things in His name. This book is an inspiration to young and old alike. I am re-reading it now to tell it to our Children's Church...the kids are always spellbound by this story. Read it, pass it on, take it to heart!

I have now read this book twice. It is a very inspiring story of a Woman who followed the call on her life to go with Jesus to China. It's a practical life of faith in hardship and want, but not without its rewards.

Any one will be blessed to read this true story by Gladys Aylward on her life serving in China that she shares from 28 yrs of age till into her sixties. She was a determined young lady & overcomes many obstacles but all the time seeing the Lord's way of providing. As humble as she is it humbles the person reading this and to be grateful to God for food, clothing, and home that Gladys shares was sparse for many people & children going days without eating. She was used of God to stop the foot binding of girls in China. Search Utube to see pictures/videos of it & you will be appalled at what the foot looks like and the pain endured.

What a wonderful story! What a beautiful life! It is so inspiring to see that a woman with no money or worldly goods can have done so much good and transformed so many people's lives through her trust in God. She was very much like Mother Teresa!

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