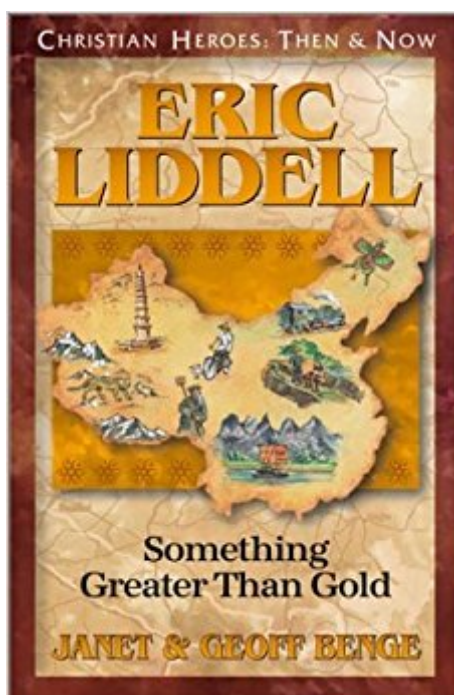


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Eric Liddell: Something Greater Than Gold (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



Synopsis

Eric's refusal earlier that week to run on Sunday in the Olympic 100-meter race had stunned the world. Now his incredible victory in the 400-meter race further strengthened his belief in God's promise, "He who honors Me, I will honor." Years later, Eric Liddell would be tested far beyond mere physical ability as a missionary to China. His character, perseverance, and endurance are a challenging example for all who would obey the call to bring the gospel to the nations.

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Customer Reviews

Janet and Geoff Benge are a husband-and-wife writing team with more than twenty years of writing experience. Janet is a former elementary-school teacher. Geoff holds a degree in history. Originally from New Zealand, the Benges spent ten years serving with Youth With A Mission.

A good story of a faithful Christ's servant. However after reading this book I'm still full of questions, like what shaped his faith, and the relationship between God and him in the last 2 years in the prison camp. If the author can include more about what he thought about God, people will know better what's inside him - the strength that completely surrenders him from the beginning to the end.

So many wonderful details of his life I never knew from the movie "Chariots of Fire!" What a dedicated and honorable young man! It's no wonder so many young people of his generation looked

up to him and set him on a pedestal!

This book is well written and is one in a series of Christian Heroes and Martyrs by the authors. If you saw the movie "Chariots of Fire", you'll recall that Eric Liddell [pronounced 'little'] refused to run the race he was favored to win, instead ran four times that distance 400 meters and won, breaking the world and Olympic records in the 1924 Olympics in France. It is the life and ministry he followed following those games that the book focuses on. Born in China to missionaries from Scotland, Eric returns to the land of his birth, northern and between 1924 - 1945, shares his faith with both Chinese and foreigners during the next 21 years. His powerful witness still resonates today in the Eric Liddell Centre in Edinburgh, Scotland. During the Olympics in Peking, an entire portion of a display pavilion was devoted to his work. The last three years of his life in and all other foreigners were interred in a camp guarded by the Japanese who took over northern China. What Liddell enabled the 1800 children and adults not just survive, but endure and help one another and keep busy with athletics, studies, and worship which Liddell led and taught. He died of a brain tumor five months before the camp was liberated. All in the camp wept and all of Scotland mourned his untimely death at age 43.

The hero of this biography won the 400 meter race at the Paris Olympics for England. He followed his parents as a missionary to China. He became a prisoner of war during the Second World War and died in prison of a brain tumor. At once a heart warming and heart breaking story. Every boy of the age of ten should read it. Tom Z

Great missionary, athlete, biography for grades 3-8.

Liddell's story seems like from a time long gone by, and true - almost a hundred years ago now. It's a good read for adults and children who want to know more examples of Christian service and commitment.

inspiring story about a man like Moses...Hebrews 11:25, 26 "He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward."

The whole series has been wonderful for my family to read together.

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