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In a day of iPods and MySpace, when adolescents can seem self-serving and self-absorbed, the powerful story of the life of BJ Higgins proves that things can be otherwise. BJ's life was one of passionate service to God and to other people. He even inspired Bart Millard, lead singer of Mercy Me, to write and record a song to honor him. After a six-week battle with an infection contracted on the mission field, BJ's earthly life was over--he was only 15 years old.

I Would Die for You tells BJ's inspiring story. It combines the writing of parents Brent and Deanna Higgins with selections from BJ's journals, school papers, and blog, along with true stories from family members, church and hospital staff, and friends. Through this multi-layered text, youth pastors, teens, and those involved in missions work will get a glimpse of a young man who gave his life to God, lived the gospel, and died for his devotion. Stirring and full of encouragement, *I Would Die for You* is poised to inspire a new generation of believers to give their lives in God's service.

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Katie W says

This is a powerful story of a young man named BJ Higgins who knew God from a very young age and even then knew what it meant to experience God's love and truth, and also knew what it meant to live for God with passion and love and to share that with others. The knowledge and insights he gained from his relationship with God are profound and inspiring. (I highly recommend that you read this book for yourself. I learned a lot from his words and his life.)

He died at the age of 15 after returning from a mission trip in which he contracted a disease. His life was so short and yet it was entirely complete and full. He lived wholeheartedly and passionately. You never know how long your life on earth will be, but no matter its length, like BJ, you can make a difference and bring God glory and help others to know and experience God's amazing love too.

Lacy Lovelace says

Every Christian and Non-Christian should own this book! I found out about this book through reading the back of it at Hastings. It is a VERY inspirational story that will motivate you to follow Christ or to have a stronger relationship with the Lord if you are already a Christian.

Brent and Deanna Higgins are the parents of BJ Higgins and they have written the first half of the story in a way that helps you understand the steps to becoming a strong Christian. Really, this is shown throughout the entire book. They give many examples from BJ's life as well as share pictures of him throughout his 15 years on this Earth.

The second half of the book journeys through BJ's travels in Peru as a missionary for Jesus. The last half of the book traverses through BJ's battle with his illness until the Lord took him home and the impact BJ had on so many people's lives.

I was so awestruck and inspired by this amazing example of what a true Christian should be! Everyone needs to read this book because it is so powerful and emotionally provoking!

L.N. Cronk says

This is one of my favorite books of all time! I love it and would highly recommend it to everyone!

Kimberly says

The story itself of BJ is wonderful. I just did not like the way it was written. I didn't like every other paragraph being something they pulled off the blog. I wish they would have just written BJ's story then put

the comments.

We should all aspire to be like BJ.

Deanna says

What an amazing life that was lived in just 15 years, such proof that God is in control of everything and every situation we face, and that He knows our dreams and our intimate thoughts! I felt such a peace reading this book, I highly recommend it to anyone!

Christi Brewster says

This book contains journal entries, blogging, emails and comments from many. It is a different kind of book. I enjoyed seeing what a young person could do - but a tragic death took him early. Very inspiring to be proactive with your faith.

Jessica Halt says

Definitely not what I expected...and since it is mostly just a hodge-podge of journal entries, web blog postings, and Bible verses, with some story-line to connect it all, it was a struggle to get through some chapters. There wasn't quite enough about this BJ kid in the beginning for me to care enough to scrutinize his every journal entry, etc. and came across a bit like, my kid was a better Christian than you. I know that wasn't their intentions and the end was good, but it made it a struggle for me to not just put the book down and walk away without finishing it.

Amanda says

This Book is truly inspiring to me as a Christian. This boy BJ Higgins was an amazing person who did so many good things with his life and really understood what life was all about. He knew what love was and he was never a negative person because he always knew God was watching out for him. His tragic death brought me to tears, but his legacy will live in forever.

Danae says

amazing book! its more than inspiring, its a battle cry. bj higgins is an amazing guy and i cant wait to meet him in Heaven! i highly recommend this book!

Chuck Abbe says

This is more than just a book about a young man with a vision for missions. It is a clarion call for the American church to more fully commit to service to our fellow man. BJ was a young man with an incredible passion for sharing Christ with the nations. He served two mission tours to Peru and would probably have gone to North Africa next, but in between trips he served in his community. His story is told by his parents, family and friends, but the largest portion of the text is taken from his own journals, conversations via email and messaging and from posts on his blog. They provide insight into the heart and mind of an incredible young man who still influences those who learn about him today. I highly recommend this book to all Christians as a means to increase your commitment to love and serve their fellow man. If you are not a disciple of Jesus, you should still read it to learn how a young teenager can make a difference in his world.

Caleb says

An amazing story of a passionate servant of God. BJ Higgins. A child who "Got it" about God's Word and the plans He has in store for us. Not only did he read the Bible daily, but he practiced what it said. Pursuing God and realizing his need for grace.

Morgan says

I would recommend this book to anyone. it's very, very touching and a great spiritual book. this really helped me to strengthen my faith with Christ. it's a biography about a 16 year old boy and his heart for Christ. he died when he was only a teen and he was an amazing person.

Christy says

Wow, this book was amazing. I am reminded of what true faith in God is all about through BJ's story. In his short life, He accomplished more than what most Christians accomplish in their entire lives. To have faith like that is what we as Christians should strive for in our lives every day.

Christine says

In the beginning it was a struggle. It took me almost a month to get through the first several chapters. But I don't think it had to do with the writing as much as my heart. As I continued there were so many things that really forced me to think about my walk with the Lord. Over the past two days I am seeing changes not only in my reading of the Bible but my prayer life as well. And like him when I see the growth I feel the battle. This book was both convicting and encouraging.

Amanda says

My friend had a copy of this book when we were on a mission trip in Malawi. I picked it up while we were there. It was interesting, but I remember the theology being a little wonky or heavy handed. It was good for

what it was. Don't trust me. I read it almost ten years ago.
