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Could you retain your faith even if it meant losing your life? Your family's lives?**

To many Christians in the Middle East today, a “momentary, light affliction” means enduring only torture instead of martyrdom. The depth of oppression Jesus followers suffer is unimaginable to most Western Christians. Yet, it is an everyday reality for those who choose faith over survival in Syria, Iran, Egypt, Lebanon, and other countries hostile to the Gospel of Christ. In *Killing Christians*, Tom Doyle takes readers to the secret meetings, the torture rooms, the grim prisons, and even the executions that are the “calling” of countless Muslims-turned-Christians.

Each survivor longs to share with brothers and sisters “on the outside” what Christ has taught them. *Killing Christians* is their message to readers who still enjoy freedom to practice their faith. None would wish their pain and suffering on those who do not have to brave such misery, but the richness gained through their remarkable trials are delivered—often in their own words—through this book. The stories are breathtaking, the lessons soul-stirring and renewing. *Killing Christians* presents the dead serious work of expanding and maintaining the Faith.

“When you’re looking for real-life accounts of 21st Century believers whose lives are literally at stake for their beliefs, it demands the credibility of a man who has the smell of the front lines of the battlefield on his clothes because he was there yesterday and will be back there tomorrow. I’m proud to say my friend Tom Doyle is that man.”

—Jerry B. Jenkins, Novelist & Biographer

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Ethos_8133 says

A book every born again American Christian needs to read

A book every born again Christian needs to read- & it's a book Everyone needs to read... I couldn't put it down & I couldn't stop praying for these Mighty men & women of Valor
This is an eye opening book, & we need to realize that the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in these last days... See, it's all about Jesus.. This book is awesome & convicting to this Born Again American Christian.
5 Stars all the way

Natalie says

I love how reading on a Kindle has expanded my reading opportunities. Killing Christians is a book that has broadened my perspective and taken me to the middle east to meet some very courageous Christians; Christians that were once Muslims. I applaud their bravery and dedication! The stories in chapters 1, 5, and 6 especially touched me.

Matt Hart says

You must read this.

"...for people in the Middle East and other parts of the world, Christianity is synonymous with a life of extreme danger."

You won't see most of these true stories on the news. You won't hear about them on the radio. You won't read about them.

But they are real. This is what it is like to live as a Christian in many parts of the world today. These are stories of terrorists who come to Christ and learn to love and pray for their oppressors.

Yes, miracles do still happen.

Read on.

Mark says

Amazing Stories of Contemporary Christians

Truly amazing and inspiring stories of contemporary Christians in challenging situations. The age of

persecution of Christians has returned . . . if it ever really ended. A pointed rebuke of the lukewarm faith of many Western Christians (myself included).

Julie Ruch says

Christian NonFiction *Inspiring*

Courageous. That's what I'll always remember about these believers, many already martyred. Each one willing to hold fast until the end.

After reading *Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, I have a whole new understanding of what these converts risk for revealing their faith to anyone, even their own family.

The Muslim injunction to command right and forbid wrong means these new believers are immediately at risk of death. There is no mercy granted, even to loved ones.

Highly recommended. I stand in awe of these believers. And many thanks to Tom Doyle for writing their story.

TL Ray says

Wow! Just wow. My heart breaks for the very real persecution Christians world-wide face daily. I confess I cannot understand any religion that calls on you to disown or murder your child if they choose to leave that faith. Every believer in Yeshua (Jesus) should read this book. We should all be praying for one another.

Jeff Hascall says

Perhaps you are wondering, "With such a provocative title, what is this book about?" You can dispel the thought that the title is just to pique your interest; it is actually about Christians being killed. It's a powerful and quick read containing stories from real people in recent times who are under the constant threat of death. They are struggling to live out a life of compassionate outreach based on their faith in Jesus. Meanwhile their country and culture allows them to be tortured or killed for this approach. I found it compelling and it has sparked a desire for me to learn more about this clash of cultures. I would recommend it.

Natalie Vellacott says

I managed to get halfway through the audio of this but was not impressed. The audio narration was irritating as the male tried to manipulate his voice to cover female characters which sounded ridiculous.

The stories themselves seemed unlikely but I was expecting that as I know that this type of persecution is going on around the world. The problem I had really was that almost all of the stories involved visions and dreams of Jesus. Apparently Jesus appeared in person to most of these non-believing Muslims resulting in

their eventual conversions to Christianity. The author documents this as if the Muslims began expecting Jesus to appear to them--as if it was a regular event. In these visions and dreams Jesus communicates with the Muslims, instructs them and tells them what to do.....

Whilst I obviously accept that God can do anything He wants and is more than capable of sending dreams and visions to people. I don't believe that He chooses to work like this today. He has chosen the method of preaching and evangelism in order for people to be saved. If we believe that Islamic countries have become too dangerous for missionaries to operate (one of the reasons given for these dreams/visions being necessary) then what does that say about God's power in these situations? The rise of Islam hasn't come as a surprise to God, He was aware of what would happen when He inspired Scripture and ordained His methods.

The below articles explain the theological premise for rejecting such phenomenon

<http://www.challies.com/interviews/jo...>

<http://www.svchapel.org/resources/art...>

<https://hipandthigh.wordpress.com/201...>

I gave up on the book for that reason. I don't recommend it for Christian readers as I believe it will confuse people and lead to a further lack of spiritual discernment. Let's instead pray for missionaries to be willing to go to these countries. Also for the Bible to be widely available and for internet access to be possible so that the truth can be known and the people set free.

David Przybylinski says

I really enjoyed reading this book as part of a bible study at church. We worked through the first six chapters then read the rest.

The book details various Muslims who have had visions of Jesus and have become Christians. In several cases people died at the hands of Muslims for their beliefs.

This was a good book to read especially if you have a study group.

Caro Salamanca says

Generalmente los ojos del mundo observan lo que en “teoría” realmente importa. Sin embargo, esa visión está sesgada por los dueños de esos ojos.

El asesinato de cristiano te muestra que todo aquel que piense diferente es sentenciado a muerte con justa causa. Y que no son solo unos pocos los que sufren al no ser aceptado por su inclinación de género, raza, sexo, etc. Sino que la tierra grita por la sangre que corre en su superficie por la muerte de muchos.

Personas que son asesinadas y humilladas en la tierra pero exaltadas en el cielo. ¿Acaso un héroe no es aquel que defiende hasta la muerte un ideal?

Bill Lawrence says

Very powerful stories of faith!

Macey Austin says

The stories of the Christians in this book are extremely powerful and truly humbling. It's sad to think of all the suffering and persecution in the world, but after reading this book, I am reminded of the hope we have in Jesus Christ and I am inspired by the incredible courage, hope, and love of the Christians in the Middle East.

Cat Thompson says

Tom Doyle did an amazing job sending readers right into the Middle East with his powerful descriptions of the stories he told of these Jesus followers.

It's so terrifying to think that the things that go on in this book are the norm for people in the Middle East, yet people follow Him joyfully, fully knowing that today could be the last day on this Earth.

To give an example of the danger, going through a village to announce to other Christians when and where a meeting time and place would be, a messenger would walk the streets throwing hand signals to specify what house on which side of the street at what time.

Families kill family members for their desertion in the Islamic faith, and this book awakens readers to that reality. Ever since I began reading this book, I look at my life and realize just how sweet we have it in America, even if some are classified as the poverty class. Innocent people face bombing by their own government every day.

The people in this book have a beautiful outlook on death, with my favorite line being, "Our real life has not even begun, but for martyrs like (name), it has."

The persecution followers face is a small feat compared to the joy that they know they will face, being in the presence of the Father, and that's how they live their life out, doing what they do in such a dangerous place.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants a glimpse of mission work in the Middle East or to anyone who really wonders about the extremity of suffering for Christ. I struggled with asking myself if I was willing to suffer for Him, but faith comes from Him, and that if I'm ever put in a situation like that, God's grace at that moment will give me strength to say YES to that question.

Staci says

Eye opening look at Christian oppression in the Middle East.

Killing Christians is eight separate short stories about Christians risking their lives in the Middle East to spread the love of Jesus. What struck me more than anything is that each and every one of them is GLAD to be in the position they are in to share the Gospel and risk their lives for Christ. How humbling for a Christian living in an area where Christianity may not be esteemed as highly as it was, but is certainly allowable. As example, one man goes through such misery and risk to bring worn Bibles to others so that they may read them for a brief amount of time before sharing with the next Christian. Meanwhile, I must have at least ten Bibles in my house and surely a few of them collecting dust!

I especially enjoyed the "from their own words" comments at the end of each story.

I thank Rachel McRae for recommending this book on her blog. This novel is recommended for any Christian. One word of caution...there is some content that readers may find difficult to stomach.

Audrey Dunlap says

Incredible, inspiring and eye opening. A must-read.
