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Tom Barton and his Uncle Jack help William Tyndale smuggle newly translated Bibles into England.

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Emily says

The characters and writing are a bit flat--not O'Dells best--but Tyndale's story was interesting enough to me to make up for that, especially at the end. He did a good job of drawing me into the settings and time period with his language and descriptions. He did seem to condense the time frame down a lot--the eleven years of Tyndale's exile felt like only a few years in the timeline of the story, but that may have been because the story was broken into several parts.

Betsy says

This is a very interesting and well done book, but I think some kids will find it challenging. Essentially the story of the famous Bible translator Tyndale plus the story of a boy who agrees to smuggle Tyndale's Bibles back to England, O'Dell tells the story very authentically. It sounds like a much older book than one from the 20th century (maybe a Treasure Island or a Robinson Crusoe feel in the prose), and this may make it a hard read for some children. But if you're interested in Tyndale and/or in the period of history just preceding Shakespeare, the King James Bible, and the like--this is a perfect fit for that!

Esther says

Slow dull historical fiction of William Tyndale written for middle schoolers.

Reagan says

This book was very boring, and rather hard to understand. It doesn't get exciting until the end, and even the end is pretty boring.

Daria Huber says

This book tells the story of William Tyndale and his work on translating the Bible into English. It was told from the perspective of a young man, Tom Barton, who helped smuggle the Bibles into England. The book is based closely on Tyndale's true life story, and as such is sad but thought-provoking. I enjoyed the book for its important topic as well as for the historical insights. Well worth reading.

Julia says

This book, written for I would say ages 10 and up, is the story of William Tyndale, the man who is responsible for the first printing of the Bible into English and paid with his life. O'Dell does a wonderful job of weaving historical facts into the fictitious life of a teenage sailor who ends up befriending Tyndale and helping to smuggle his Bibles into England. Really well done historical fiction for youth....highly recommend it.

Kim says

This book enhanced our study of the Reformation, William Tyndale, and persecutions suffered by those who challenged Church authority. Our family enjoyed reading this book aloud.

dthaase says

My kids really enjoyed this book. It's a well written tale that follows a cast of characters (both fictional and real) through the political and religious turmoil of William Tyndale's venture to print the Bible in English. O'Dell is well known for his award winning book *The Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

Abby Cashen says

An interesting and slightly sad (what do you expect? It's Scott O'Dell after all) story that I honestly enjoyed until the end.

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Kathy says

This is historical fiction for teens about William Tyndale, who translated the Bible into English for the common people in the 1500's. He was hung and burned at the stake after being tried for heresy. During many of the years that he was translating and writing, he was in hiding and little is known of his activities at that time. So the story really revolves around a young sailor who survives the smuggling and plague that characterized that time period in London.

Holly says

While going through my bookshelves prior to a library book sale because I am famous for buying books I already have, I realized that I had not read or assigned this classic to my kids back when we did the Middle

Ages. Believing firmly that a book worth reading at 5 should be worth reading at 50, I dusted it off for a summer read aloud. Now I want to study the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation all over again because, "Of the making of books, there is no end!" Hallelujah!

Evelyn says

A fairly good historical fiction of William Tyndale's story told from the point of view of a young smuggler (a career choice that did not carry the same stigma that it does today). The main fictional characters, as well, are maybe not the most striking and memorable, but they do have some interesting choices and dilemmas that are good for conversations with kids. Though I often wished for a bit more on several of the characters' feelings and motives. The time lapse throughout the story I found difficult to follow sometimes.

Rev. Linda says

This was an interesting find at a yard sale: a novel about actual people who helped smuggle Tyndale's Bibles into England. At first it is just another smuggling episode, as much of that took place during this period of time. However, the young man, Tom Barton, becomes friends with Tyndale (Tyndale teaches him to read) and plays a major role in Tyndale's vision that one day, "the Bible would be read by every ploughboy in England." Certainly not a new book (1975) but definitely worth locating if you enjoy reading about church history.

Deanna says

This book took us a little while to get through. We persevered though. It was a good read and I'm glad we read it. The kids enjoyed listening to it as I read. I feel they came away with more knowledge about William Tyndale and the time period. It isn't really exciting, but it is interesting. The kids had to pay more attention to the story to stay with it.

Rachel says

pretty boring.
