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Born into a loving family, Dietrich Bonhoeffer pursued a life as a pastor, teacher, theologian -- and spy. He spoke out about the trouble in Germany when Adolph Hitler came to power, urging the Christian church to rescue disparaged people groups and resist Hitler's evil empire.

Accused of being a troublemaker, Dietrich continued on fearlessly in the midst of wickedness. His work as a spy in the German resistance and participation in a plot to assassinate Hitler led to imprisonment and eventual execution. But the lesson of his life story remains: "Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

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## **TheTangels says**

Nathaniel's Review:

This book teaches about Dietrich Bonhoeffer's history and the attempts for the assassination of Adolf Hitler.

This book was obviously a history book so i'm not a fan of those. But the christian heroes then and now series is very detailed and entertaining- for a history book.

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## **Kasey Werner says**

Such a great book! I really enjoyed that it was such an easy read--listened to this on audio. It gave me a lot to think about, where God is taking me, how He can use me even in the seemingly insignificant moments, and how we can respond to injustice in the world around us. This book made me want to read some of Bonhoeffer's works and also some more biographies about more details on his life!

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## **Shane says**

I loved this short book about the heroic Christian pastor, Deitrich Bonhoeffer, who lived in Germany during the horrific Nazi reign of terror.

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## **Lauren says**

Any kind of war story, always gets me. I was able to experience Dietrich's life as he grew up during World War 1 and died in it. Very cool seeing how he was involved in Hitler assassination attempts, freeing of some Jews, etc. The only reason it has 2 stars is because I didn't feel like it was as heavily immersed in Christian principles, it was extremely vague about his Christian life other than the fact that he went into theology and became a pastor. There was very little Christian references which was disappointing.

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## **Rafael Martinez Renteria says**

La historia es impresionante, me siento muy bendecido al leer sobre la vida de Dietrich Bonhoeffer, ha impactado mi vida de una manera maravillosa, motivándome a entregar mas de mi ser y completamente a mi Señor Jesucristo.

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### **Debra says**

Wow! We learned a lot about German history from this book, and how Hitler duped people into loving him. The parallels of what is going on in America right now is scary.

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### **Ruth says**

A solid, kid-level introduction to the life of Bonhoeffer, focusing equally on his childhood, formative years of travel and study outside Germany, and then, naturally, his participation in the plot to kill Hitler.

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### **Congetta says**

I listened to and read this biography simultaneously. It was a great biography on Bonhoeffer and his family, but also simply explained WWI and WWII and the events around the wars. It listed all the steps leading up to the wars, including the cultural, political and economic environment at the time.

Though this book is geared towards introducing children to Christian heroes, it is a great foundation for any child or adult not familiar with Bonhoeffer or the history of Europe during this time period. Though he was a man of religion, it wasn't a book on theology, so I think it would be interesting to people curious in learning about this time period. I feel that I am prepared to read an "adult" version now, as there tends to be an assumption, sometimes, that certain knowledge has been already acquired or remembered when reading a book written for adults. There are fewer gaps in children's books as they are meant to be an introduction or foundational.

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### **Sara says**

helped give me a better understanding of how wwII began-the boys thought it was ok

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### **Ebookwormy1 says**

I enjoyed this short biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer targeted to children. If you don't have time for a full tome ala Eric Metaxas, Bengel & Bengel have written a compelling summary of Bonhoeffer's life from secularist to theologian to pastor to spy.

The authors make no judgement on Bonhoeffer's choices, but they do paint the events of his time that shaped his decisions. Bonhoeffer's conversion to spy has always perplexed me, and the Bengels focus more on external factors that lead to his joining the conspiracy and the Abwehr as his cover. I would like to know more of the internal debate he went through to arrive at that decision. It could be, though, that while Bonhoeffer detailed many of his theological struggles in his journals and books, he did not record his

conversion to treason out of concern it would be used against him or others. Perhaps I will have to get to the highly acclaimed and thorough Metaxas for more information on that point.

The narrative can get rigid at points, but overall, this is a brief summary of a complicated life that I recommend for kids, families and adults.

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### **Deon says**

\*93 a biography of a Christian

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### **Andy Anderson says**

Good narration. Bonhoeffer is a great story to read especially knowing the context of his time.

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### **Emma Filbrun says**

I just read Dietrich Bonhoeffer: In the Midst of Wickedness aloud to my family. A lot of controversy has surrounded the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer since he died, and since a man in our church used Dietrich as an example in a sermon a good while ago, my husband has been curious about him. We found the story of Dietrich's life quite interesting. His family lived in Germany and he experienced World War I as a young man, and then grew up during the time between the wars. Germany was treated very harshly by the Allies after World War I, and suffered greatly. The people of Germany were desperate for a strong leader and relief from poverty and unrest, so when Adolf Hitler rose to power, he was accepted by most people as a solution to their problems. The Bonhoeffer family was leery from the start, and soon saw that Hitler was not the answer—but what could they do to stem the tide of evil?

[Read my full review here.](#)

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