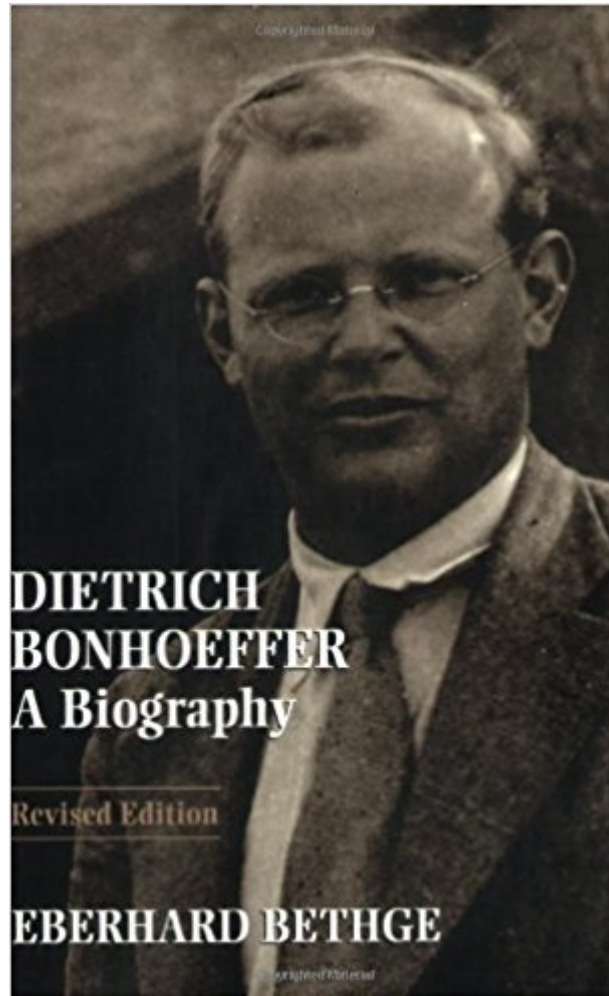




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Synopsis

Eberhard Bethge's exhaustive biography of Bonhoeffer is recognized throughout the world as the definitive biography. Victoria Barnett has now reviewed the entire translation for this edition, correcting hundreds of mistakes and omissions, and adding in sections from the German, for example, on Bonhoeffer's childhood, that have never before appeared in English.

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--Malcolm Muggeridge, *The Observers*

Eberhard Bethge was born in 1909 in Warchau, and attended the universities of Königsberg, Berlin, Wien, Tübingen and Halle, receiving the Doctor of Divinity degree. From 1935 to 1940 he assisted Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the preacher's seminary in Finkenwalde and, after the Gestapo closed the seminary, in the underground pastorates. In 1953 he became pastor of the German congregation in London. He remained there until 1961, except for one year (1957--1958) spent as visiting lecturer at Harvard Divinity School. In 1962 he was awarded an honorary degree of D.D. at Glasgow University. From 1961 until his retirement in 1975 he was director of the Institute of Continuing Education for Ministers of the Evangelical church of the Rhineland in Rengsdorf. In 1966 he was Visiting Professor at Chicago Theological Seminary and in 1976 was Fosdick Professor at Union Seminary,

New York. A close friend and relative of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's, he edited *Ethics and Letters* and *Papers from Prison*, and is the author of *Bonhoeffer: Exile and Martyr*. He is also the editor of the German edition of Bonhoeffer's *Collected Works*, now being published in translation by Fortress Press. Eberhard Bethge's exhaustive biography of Bonhoeffer is recognized throughout the world as the definitive biography. Victoria J. Barnett (Editor), a Bonhoeffer scholar, edited and revised this volume in 1998.

Authoritative; the final word on D Bonhoeffer , despite later revisionist bios. Dr Bethge, close friend and fellow Christian pastor, eventually married Dietrich's niece in wartime Berlin. Together the two were able to research, write and see the work translated from the German. Bethge himself dedicated his postwar life to preserving the writings and events that made his friend Dietrich Bonhoeffer such an icon of modern Christianity. Unmatched in scope and detail as well as authenticity.

Bonhoeffer is/was a master at a minister's twin callings: Comfort the Afflicted and Afflict the Comfortable. I remain convicted and leaning even more on Grace after reading this classic work. His insights and exposition of Scripture expos  the reader to serious heart and mind reflection. Don't bother to buy or read if you simply desire to expand your knowledge but prefer to live as you do now. I'm still laboring to delve further into this Adventure with a man whose heart was HIS.

This is a very thorough biography of Dietrich from one of his students and a contemporary among the leaders in the Confessing Church in Germany. It is well worth the time it takes to read this long book.

DEFINITELY the definitive biography on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The author appears to have put just about everything he knew about Bonhoeffer in it! It is definitely for the devoted reader - VERY detailed. I chose this over the recent biography out on Bonhoeffer - I wanted the DETAIL.

An amazing, massive work on Bonhoeffer's life by his best friend.....over 100 pages with the last 150 with two added Appendix and chapter notes.....you will not be disappointed !!!

Written by a friend, this book contains very detailed and personal information on Bonhoeffer's life. I wasn't expecting such a huge volume, nor so much detail. I had been wanting a biography of

Bonhoeffer for some time, so the reviews of this book convinced me to order it. I skimmed through parts but still, overall, gained good insight into his life, beliefs, experiences. Would recommend this as a 'keep for reference' book.

Very detailed about every facet of this mans life. He led a very interesting life. Torn between his faith and the responsibility of his duty to the government.

Fine biography by one who knew what he was talking about!

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