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Hudson Taylor: An Adventure Begins (Trailblazers)



Synopsis

Hudson Taylor was a sickly child. He was often ill and had very poor eyesight. But God chose him to evangelise the Chinese. So at the age of 21 Hudson Taylor left the United Kingdom to sail half way round the world to China. Why did he do this? He did it to tell the Chinese people about the good news of Jesus Christ and to give them a message of hope. This story covers Hudson's childhood and traumatic teenage years as well as his life as a well-known pioneer missionary.

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Customer Reviews

"Hudson Taylor is a fascinating character for teenagers. Not only did he struggle through his own teenage years, as a young man he gets up to quite a few hair-raising escapades. If it weren't so dangerous, it would almost be laughable when you read about how he tried to dye his hair in the 'Chinese Style'. He used chemicals and a bucket and almost killed himself. But the blonde hair became black eventually (complete with pigtail and Hudson was amongst one of the first missionaries to really integrate culturally. He's a real hero of mine and I'd love him to be yours."

(Catherine MacKenzie ~ Author and CF4K Editor) If you like this, you'll love this: Again there is an option for the younger reader in the Little Lights series. The title: Could somebody pass the salt? takes the reader from Hudson Taylor's early childhood through to his adventures in China. Maria Taylor, Hudson Taylor's wife, is also included in Ten Girls who made a difference by Irene Howat.

(Catherine MacKenzie ~ Author and CF4K Editor) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Pioneer missionary to China

I bought this book for my son, and he enjoyed reading it. I'd put it on a 6-9th grade reading level. I've read several detailed biographies on Hudson Taylor, and was glad to see that this a good summary of his early life and ministry. The book is set up as though his mother and sisters are receiving letters from him. There is an editor's note that some of the interaction with his sisters is fictionalized to help the flow of the book, but the accounts of what he experienced are quite accurate. At the end of the book there's 7 or 8 questions that are designed to be thought provoking and several Bible verses are included for the reader to look up. It's a great addition that encourages the reader to focus on how God worked, rather than just seeing it as a bunch of neat stories. I'd definitely recommend this book.

I bought the Kindle version for me and my granddaughter (age 10) to read together. While Hudson Taylor's life was one of courage, conviction and sacrifice for his Christian faith, this was presented mainly as a love story between family members and the women in Hudson Taylors life. Do not purchase this book as an example of good writing or punctuation for your grandchildren. The author's editor needs to be fired.

I am so disappointed with this book. I have read several of the Trailblazers series to my children, and we have enjoyed them all. I will be abandoning this book after finishing about half because it does an extreme injustice to the life of Hudson Taylor. My daughter keeps asking me if the book is about Hudson Taylor or his mother/sisters. It honestly gives me a headache every time I read it - very poorly written. I will be looking for another Hudson Taylor biography.

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