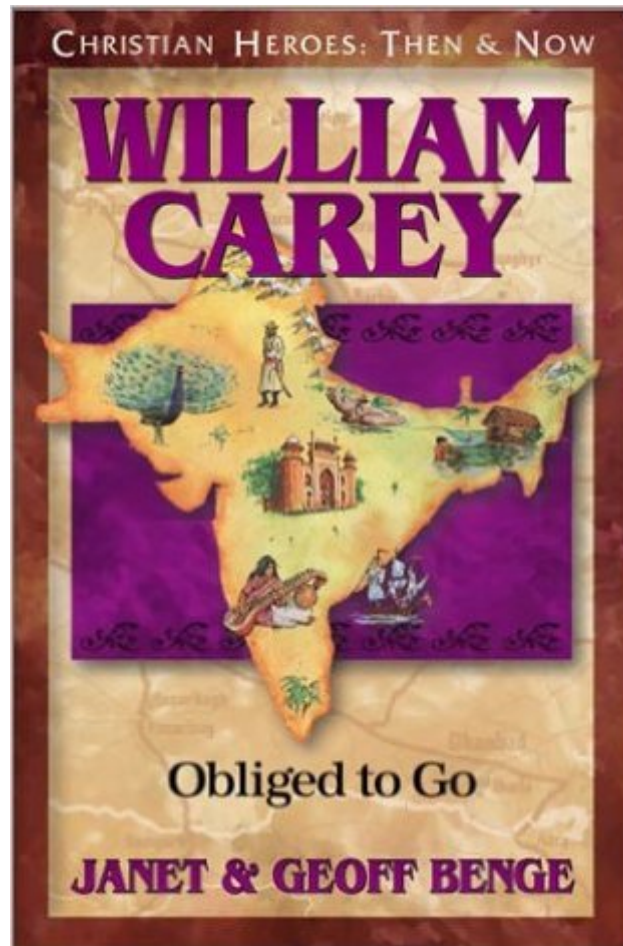


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# William Carey: Obligated To Go (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



## Synopsis

William Carey watched from the dock as the magnificent sailing ship headed for the English Channel without him. Tears filled his eyes, and deep disappointment filled his heart. What would he tell the missionary society? So much work awaited him half a world away. He must get to India--and soon! William's amazing journey to India would prove to be just the beginning of a missionary quest filled with hardship and heartache as well as tremendous victories. Often referred to as "the father of modern missions," William Carey displayed a single-minded determination to set his face like a flint to the task of bringing the gospel to those lost in darkness. His life of service and sacrifice is a guidepost for Christians of all generations.

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## Customer Reviews

Hello... I am a home school child who is almost 14 as of 11-30-07. As part of my home school curriculum "Sunlight" I read William Carey obliged to go. This is a book report about Mr. Carey. William Carey is a rather easy book to read in a sense that it does not use long confusing words. The book explains the life of William Carey's struggles and high points. William Carey was the man who really started missions work in England. He established one of the first missionary societies. William Carey started as an apprentice for a cordwainer. At Christmas time he would be allowed to take money for a tip and place it in his money box. He went to a blacksmith to drop off his

boots. The blacksmith paid the shilling he owed and offered William a tip of a shilling or a sixpence. William took the shilling. What William did not know was that the shilling was made out of brass. He went to the store to buy the quill pen he wanted to buy. He gave the shopkeeper the shilling. The shopkeeper frowned and said "this shilling is not made of silver young lad, it's made out of brass if ever a coin was!" William was infuriated. He went to the cordwainers and swapped his brass shilling for the real silver shilling after which he went and bought the pen. His master found out and could have sent him to jail for life but he didn't. William paid the cordwainer a shillings worth of money out of his Christmas box. But these were only the beginning of Williams's troubles! William Carey is someone I feel sorry for. He had troubles all the time such as his wife suffering from dysentery and dyeing, losing children, having his printing press building and manuscripts plus more than 1000 copies of the new testament all burn in a fire, and have the missionary society that he founded turn on him after his 3 "rope holders" die. Yet in all his troubles he never gave up his calling to the Hindus and Muslims

The only problem with this book is that the beginning is very hard to follow. It all clears up at around chapter 3. I recommend this book for anyone who likes good books about missionaries and their travels.

As a current missionary working in South Sudan, I really enjoyed this book. I identified with many aspects of Mr. Carey's life. It was encouraging to read how his faith convicted and led him, challenged and inspired him, and carried him through many difficult journeys. I've thoroughly enjoyed all the books I've read from the Christian Heroes series. I would highly recommend them to audiences young and old! Easy to read and enjoyable.

This is a great series that can be enjoyed by young children and adults. I used them as part of the training for a short term missions campaign. Each of the fourteen team members read a different biography in this series and then reported to the rest of the team. It was reminder that the training topics we were learning were relevant and lived out by the faithful and fruitful missionaries introduced by this series of biographies. For many of the team this was their first introduction to reading Christian biography and they loved it!

Positives of this series:

- 1) Great introductory overviews of the lives and ministries of the individuals.
- 2) Basic reading level for an increasingly illiterate culture
- 3) Short enough to be read quickly in a culture with an increasingly short attention span
- 4) Available in Kindle and audio book for the technologically inclined
- 5) Well written and holds your attention without being exaggerated and exploitative
- 6) Chapters are short and can easily be read to children at bedtime or by adults on lunch breaks

Negatives of this series:

- 1) Due to their brevity and

target audience the series does not deal with the more negative aspects of an individual's struggles with sin and the weaknesses in their personality as sinners saved by grace.<sup>2</sup>) Does not come across as hagiography (so idealizing the person that it borders on idolatry) but these introductions are not the place to get the full picture of these godly but imperfect champions for God. Instead they are great springboards to more extensive biographies that deal with the fuller picture of these heroic but very human Christ followers.

Born in Paulerspury, England to a humble weaving family, life changed for young William (6) when his father was appointed clerk of St James the Great church, giving William the opportunity to attend school. One of the perks of his father's job were the books. Being a quick learner it wasn't long before William had delved into the adventures of Robinson Crusoe, Gulliver's Travels etc. He would often pretend to be Sir Francis Drake or Christopher Columbus sailing the open seas. At 13, William became an apprentice cordwainer (shoemaker). How did William find his way to India? What did his family have to say about it?! Let me just say, it was not all plain sailing! Once there, William spent much time translating the Bible into Bengali & Sanskrit. George Udney, his employer, purchased a second hand printing press for him which was set up in William's dining room. The gospel continued to spread but destruction also came. Would they give up or continue working? This is just one book in the amazing series Christian Heroes: Then and Now. Suitable for the whole family, we read this during family devotions. Challenging, real and a testimony to how God can take an ordinary person and change them into an extraordinary person for HIM! William Carey - 1761 to 1834

Great read to my kids 8 and 6. I had to adjust a few places because the words or concepts were a little too much for them to understand, but I too was stirred to love Christ and expect great things and attempt great things. I loved it.

Overcoming challenges, enduring persecution, winning souls, and inspiring others--that's the story of William Carey in a nutshell. If you want more details of this great Christian's life, I highly recommend this book. It isn't a heavy read, but it has plenty of substance. I have enjoyed all of the books of this series I have read, but this might be the best.

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