

God's Smuggler
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Summary

Adventure! Andrew seemed to always be craving adventure. Even as a small boy, when he could not find any, he created his own. Then the Nazis invaded his homeland of Holland. Finally Andrew was experiencing all the adventure he wanted as he fought his own underground war. This excitement grew old when poverty and hunger began to take its toll on his family and country. At last the war ended and Andrew grew older and once again, restless.

At seventeen, Andrew decided to enlist as a soldier. Holland was involved in a war in Indonesia and he thought this would satisfy his craving for adventure. After three years of horror and despair, his adventure was cut short by a bullet through his ankle. Thinking he would never walk again, he lay in his hospital bed depressed and confused. He began writing to friends back home and was urged to seek his answers in the Bible. That's when Andrew's real adventure began.

Follow Brother Andrew as he learns to discern and obey the will of God. He first had to learn to walk by faith in all things. When he was ready, God revealed the next step of his journey by sending him to a youth rally behind the Iron Curtain in Poland. Here Andrew witnesses the communist oppression of the church. He sees the hunger for God's Word and determines to return with Bibles and Christian literature. The only way to accomplish this was to become God's smuggler. Again and again he prays the smuggler's prayer: "Lord, in my luggage I have Scripture that I want to take to Your children across this border. When You were on earth, You made blind eyes see. Now, I pray, make seeing eyes blind. Do not let the guards see those things You do not want them to see."

The excitement builds chapter by chapter in this true story of courage and daring where real people risk their lives and freedom to bring encouragement to their Christian brothers and sisters living behind the Iron Curtain.

Vocabulary

Find the word in its context. Reread the sentences before and after the word. What do you think the word means? Look up the word in the dictionary and write a clear, simple definition, and use it in a sentence.

1. bazaar - (pg. 27)
2. coronation - (pg. 59)
3. vagabond - (pg. 63)
4. persecution - (pg. 102)
5. counterfeit - (pg. 123)

Complete the sentences with the correct vocabulary word. OR Write your own sentences using the vocabulary words.

6. The queen's _____ is to begin at 8:00 in the morning.
7. His humble origins and his rebellious nature led him into the life of a _____.
8. The police officer took one look at Greta's I.D. and knew at once that it was a _____.
9. Walking through a _____ in Tashkent, I experienced a beautiful array of colors, smells, and sounds.
10. The young man's new found zeal for God led him into some times of _____ from his former friends.

1. an outdoor market of shops
2. the ceremony of crowning a sovereign
3. a tramp
4. the state of afflicting injury or distress for religious reasons
5. not authentic

6. coronation

7. vagabond

8. counterfeit

9. bazaar

10. persecution

Activities

The following exercises are intended to help you understand and, in a small way, experience the world of Brother Andrew as God's Smuggler. Choose one or two of the following activities. Complete them on a separate piece of paper.

1. Map study: Make a list of the places Brother Andrew mentions, starting with his hometown of Witte. Find them on a map.
2. Interview missionaries about some of their experiences, such as how they received their call to be a missionary, how they knew where they were to go, how God provided for them, and the way they saw God work while on the field.
3. *Eric Liddell* is a biography, while *God's Smuggler* is an autobiography. A biography is written in the third person, and an autobiography is written in the first person. Write about something that has happened to you or that you have done. Write the account as if it were part of a biography and then rewrite it as if were part of your autobiography.
4. Brother Andrew was a faith missionary. That is, he chose to wait upon God to supply all his needs, without letting his needs be known. Perhaps the most famous faith missionary was George Mueller. Read a biography about George Mueller. Check your library.
5. Write a persuasive paper about faith missions. (Refer to Lesson 29 on Persuasive Writing.) You may defend the practice or take another view.
6. Corrie ten Boom was another famous Hollander who lived at the same time as Brother Andrew. Read about her life in her autobiography *The Hiding Place*.

7. While in Rumania, Brother Andrew met a pastor's wife who said, "We've never been able to write letters, and it's thirteen years since we've received one. It has come to us that we are forgotten, that nobody is thinking of us, nobody knows our need, nobody prays." Begin praying for missionaries around the world.
8. Since the writing of the book, there have been some startling changes in the countries mentioned in *God's Smuggler*. Research the countries of Russia, Germany, and Poland. Do they have religious freedom now?
9. Brother Andrew's life began to change as he read through the Bible. If you have never read through the Bible, you may want to begin now.
10. "My heart was racing. Not with the excitement of the crossing, but with the excitement of having caught such a spectacular glimpse of God at work." Write of a time when you caught a glimpse of God at work.
11. We take our Bibles for granted, but the day may come when ours will be taken away, too. Begin memorizing Scripture, hiding God's Word in your heart. You may want to begin with a Psalm. Begin slowly. Memorizing Scripture becomes easier with practice.