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This is the true story of a young American missionary woman's courage and triumph of faith in the jungles of New Guinea and her four years in a notorious Japanese prison camp. Never to see her husband again, she was forced to sign a confession to a crime she did not commit and face the executioner's sword, only to be miraculously spared.

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Laura-Lee says

A heart breaking and thrilling story that is absolutely TRUE about a missionary couple who become POWs in different Japanese camps during World War 2. The wonderful and amazing story of how "ordinary" American missionaries can rise to do extraordinary things when they surrender their lives to Jesus. A "Must Read" that will plant itself deep into your heart.

Gigi says

Darlene Deibler Rose spent 8 years in New Guinea, over 4 of those as a POW during WWII. She writes, "Viewing those eight years from this far side, I marvel at the wisdom and love of our God, Who controls the curtains of the stage on which the drama of our lives is played; His hand draws aside the curtains of events only far enough for us to view one sequence at a time."

She survived moment by moment walking through horrific and hair-raising events by pouring her heart out to God. This story of how He sustained her, miraculously provided for her, and grew in her an unshakable and lovely faith will touch any heart. I am thankful she went through the pain to courageously share her experiences.

Darlene Deibler Rose tops the list of those I would like to meet in Heaven where surely pumpkin spice lattes and a comfy couch before a fire can be found.

Eyebright says

From childhood, Darlene had promised the Lord that she would go where ever he wanted her too, that she wanted to be a missionary. How the Lord used her, and where He took her is an incredible story of faith and miracles, and blessings amidst unbelievable hardships.

Evidence Not Seen is the story of Darlene Deibler, who lived, survived, and perhaps in an odd way, thrived in a Japanese prison camp during World War II. It details how she was captured, and many of the day to day occurrences that took place in a camp full of undernourished and overworked women separated from their husbands, brothers, and sons.

It is amazing to read of the many, many miracles which the Lord blessed Darlene with. She thought herself foolish to ask her Heavenly Father for one banana, and yet He gave her 92 *bananas* as a gift. The camp commander was a horrible, hateful man, and yet Darlene's hope for a bright, eternal future changed him, and he in turn was able to save her. Prayers for healing were answered, and so much more that can only be discovered by reading the book.

I was extremely impressed by this book. It was inspiring to me to be faithful in the little things, and "bloom where you're planted" for that is exactly what Darlene did. It was also an amazing reminder to me to serve

others and not myself.

I would highly recommend this book to others!

Julie says

this is a wonderful book. i first heard darlene diebler rose when i was about 10 years old at a week of missionary speakers at our church. if she had spoken all night we'd have all stayed all night to listen. her life was filled with god's presence. we heard of a baby coming back to life in the arms of his praying father. we heard a miracle involving life-sustaining bananas. and so much more. i grew up and never heard of her again, until i was listening to focus on the family and heard a missionary being interviewed by dr. dobson. she was being interviewed about a book she had just written. in a very short time - a matter of minutes, i knew this was the same woman i had heard all those years before. i was so excited. i ordered the book immediately and was thrilled to read some stories i remembered from her speaking, and many more i had never heard before. i got her address from focus on the family and wrote to her. she wrote back. she was pretty advanced in age by this time, but she was still doing mission work, this time in the australian outback. i begged her to write one more book, as there were some stories that weren't included in the last book, but i think she was too busy doing God's work to stop and write about it. i wish i could afford to buy this book for everyone i know. it's a book you will never forget.

Lisa Jacobson, Club31Women says

This is one of my favorite books of all time. Darlene's story is so beautiful, so raw, and yet sweetened with unwavering faith all the way through. It's one of the few books (other than the Bible, of course!) which I can honestly say, changed the way I looked - and lived - my life.

Sarah Grace says

takes a deep breath Wow! Review to come when I am not an emotional wreck and can digest everything I just read!

UPDATED REVIEW:

Wow wow wow! What an amazing story!! Mrs. Rose's writing style is pretty much all description and almost no dialogue (rather normal for an autobiography, I guess), which was somewhat hard to wade through, but I am so glad I didn't put this down! The raw bravery and true courage of Darlene Diebler so humbly portrayed throughout was so incredibly inspiring. That was one thing I really liked about this book; Mrs. Rose was clearly a very humble, self effacing woman, and that was depicted in the writing. I loved how she put the focus on God and others, and not herself. Filled with lovely, heart wrenchingly encouraging nuggets throughout, this is a book that went straight to my heart, and I will not forget it easily! Definitely a must read!

Amy says

my favorite biography. I lost my copy but then found another one for \$2 on clearance... little did I know at the time that it was signed!!!

here's what Darlene wrote:

Dear [friend's name:],

May you know and give testimony to the love and greatness of our God!

Without Him, I would not have survived!! But I do thank Him for every thing He allowed in my life ~ it was there I truly came to know Him!

Lovingly

Darlene

Deut 33:12

Lydia Howe says

I was told a long time ago I should read this book, and even started it once - back several years ago when I was in Indonesia. I left though before I had time to finish the book, so I picked it up again last month and am thankful I did. This story is an extraordinary one about faith, following God no matter what the cost, and how amazing it is when people go through hard times and come out better because of it.

One thing that continually amazed me was how the author kept her senses of humor, adventure, and curiosity, even in the midst of such hardship.

This book has a lot of sadness, but also a lot of glimpses at God's abundant grace, power, and love.

Linda says

Why am I drawn to true stories of people who suffer under the hands of ruthless political leaders? Here's another one. Deibler tells her experience of being a missionary in New Guinea as WWII erupts and when the Japanese invade, she becomes a POW for several years. Her story is insightful but I was uncomfortable with how freely she described deep, profoundly spiritual experiences that sustained her during her imprisonment. Her faith is pure, but some things should be too sacred to share with the world.

Natalie Vellacott says

This came highly recommended, it was worth reading but not outstanding.

The author, newly married, sets off for the jungles of New Guinea as a missionary. However, she and her husband find themselves in the middle of World War 2 and at the mercy of the ruthless Japanese. The bulk of the story is about her imprisonment in a prison camp--she and her husband were placed in separate camps for the duration.

This book will challenge many people as it is a testimony to facing our struggles with the right attitude. The author somehow manages to find hope and joy in the midst of terrible conditions and treatment whilst incarcerated. She also manages to witness to some individuals directly and was a definite witness through her perseverance under great pressure. She clings to her faith at the times of greatest trial.

Personally, I struggled with the depth and length of some of the emotional recall especially in relation to spiritual matters. Maybe it is just a reading preference, but I found some of her emotions difficult to relate to and there are just some things which are too personal to include in a book.

I recommend this book for those who struggle in life or who think they have been "dealt a bad hand" by God. Maybe this story will give some perspective to people. There is no bad language or sexual content. There are some violent scenes, nasty injuries and death which are to be expected in a book about a war.

Christina DeVane says

Wow, just wow! This will be a favorite of mine for the rest of my life! Her captivating story made it hard to put this book down. Her courage, faith in God, and answered prayers were such a challenge to my own life! God will never leave me, and no one is beyond God's love and forgiveness.

R.A. says

"Lassie, whatever you do, be a good soldier for Jesus Christ."

Darlene Rose's life was amazing and terrible at the same time! Her faith in Jesus Christ was so encouraging to me - she trusted in him even through terrible situations! It makes me wonder if I really trust Him the way I should!

"Yes, come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

The things she had to go through while she was in the concentration camp was incredible. The diseases, the sicknesses, the deaths; it made me want to hug her and the rest of the prisoners! The worm disease really made me feel ill - it would be such a terrible thing to have!

Eventually Yamaji wearied of counting dead flies, and this, like the Callisthenics class, died a long-awaited death.

The part when the prisoners had to catch at least 100 flies each because the Commander Yamaji ordered it was rather humorous but awful! I can't imagine trying to catch that many flies, but Darlene was an expert at catching them by the time she left the prison!

Mevrow Deibler; we really do think you look like a film star."

Darlene helped so many people even when she was ill herself. She was an amazing lady! Everyone loved her so much as well! She and her husband had such an impact on even the soldiers who were completely against them!

"Ruth, look at my hair; it's white!"

Because of the stressful and difficult times, Darlene probably looked and felt older than she actually was. Her hair turned white when she was in her thirties because of all the terrible situations! At the end, she was thinking she was sixty going on a hundred!

This book has a very strong impact in my life - she and her husband were missionaries like me and my family, but went through so much more than we'll ever go through ourselves! When she heard of her husband's death, it broke my heart - Russel was an amazing man! I absolutely loved the part when she was thinking about when she first met him! So sweet! <3

"To part is to die a little."

I totally recommend this book! It is so amazing what the Lord brought Darlene and so many other people through! And afterwards, it was all for the Glory of God!

Tina says

This is one of my favorite books because Mrs. Rose actually shared the Gospel with my grandmother, and I believe that my grandmother came to know the Lord right before she died. I thank God for Mrs. Rose. She has an amazing testimony and her faith had an impact on my family. Truly, God works in mysterious ways :)

Amanda Tero says

This is probably my favorite book. It is an amazing true story of a missionary who was caught in the turmoil of World War II. Though she did not "deserve" to be placed in a prison camp, she used this opportunity to grow in faith rather than in bitterness. What stood out most to me was her focus on God.

Many prison camps had instances which are morally wrong. While Darlene Diebler Rose included some of the true facts, she did it discreetly, reflecting the grief that she felt for the sin.

Caitlin says

This is the autobiographical story of a young woman who dedicated her life to God as a child. Little suspecting the pain and suffering she would endure in the fulfillment of her promise. But in her trials, the promise of God's faithfulness proved stronger than any disease, any loss, and any Japanese officer. Darlene learned to trust His voice and cling to the riches of his grace and peace as all else was stripped away.

She tells her own story with sweet candor. It was a little slow in the beginning, details and thoughts recorded with little embellishment. But it is in no way lacking, for the whole book is saturated with a genuine spirit of joy. Even in the most dire circumstances, she maintained a sense of humor possible only because the light of Christ shone so brightly in her darkness. This book made me tear up more than once, and was interesting and encouraging.

